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KNTV/NBC BAY AREA is responsive to the principal issues arising in its community through regularly scheduled public affairs programming, newscasts, public service announcements as well as documentaries and specials. The following is a list of some of the programs that have provided the station's most significant treatment of community issues during the preceding three-month period:

BUSINESS & INDUSTRY, EMPLOYMENT, LABOR

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 1/8/2009 REPORTED THAT NEW MONTHLY UNEMPLOYMENT FIGURES ARE OUT TOMORROW AND THEY'RE EXPECTED TO HIT THE HIGHEST LEVEL SINCE NOVEMBER 1982. THE REPORT WILL LIKELY SHOW THAT SOME 500-THOUSAND PEOPLE IN THE U.S. LOST THEIR JOBS IN DECEMBER IN PART BECAUSE OF DISAPPOINTING HOLIDAY SALES FOR BIG NAME RETAILERS. ACCORDING THE LABOR DEPARTMENT, THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE CONTINUING TO CLAIM UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS HAS RISEN MORE THAN EXPECTED JUMPING BY 101-THOUSAND TO 4.61 MILLION. THOSE LAY-OFFS HAVE LEAD TO A DRAMATIC JUMP IN THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE FILING FOR UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS IN CALIFORNIA. SO MANY PEOPLE ARE CALLING THE EMPLOYMENT DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT; THEY'RE CLOGGING THE PHONE LINES. THE STATE IS ENCOURAGING PEOPLE TO USE THE INTERNET TO FILE CLAIMS. FOR PEOPLE WITHOUT A COMPUTER AT HOME, THEY SUGGEST FILING ON-LINE AT PUBLIC LIBRARIES, CHURCHES, OR ON A FRIEND'S COMPUTER. THERE WAS AN ALMOST 80 PERCENT INCREASE IN UNEMPLOYMENT CLAIMS IN THE LAST THREE MONTHS OF 2008, COMPARED TO THE SAME PERIOD LAST YEAR.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 1/8/2009 REPORTED THAT ON APRIL 10TH COMMUNITY HOSPITAL OF LOS GATOS WILL NO LONGER OFFER CARE FOR ANY PATIENTS, AT LEAST FOR A WHILE. TENET HEALTHCARE CORPORATION ANNOUNCED TODAY IT PLANS TO CLOSE THE HOSPITAL EARLIER THAN EXPECTED MORE THAN 600 EMPLOYEES RECEIVED 90 DAY NOTICE THIS AFTERNOON. TENET HAD ALREADY ANNOUNCED PLANS TO LET THE HOSPITAL'S LEASE EXPIRE IN MAY AND EL CAMINO HOSPITAL PLANNED TO TAKE OWNERSHIP JUNE FIRST. JUDY TWITCHELL WITH EL CAMINO REPOTED THAT, AS OF NOW, THERE ARE NO PLANS TO TAKE OVER OPERATIONS OF THE LOS GATOS HOSPITAL BEFORE JUNE FIRST. SO, THAT MEANS POTENTIALLY THE HOSPITAL COULD BE CLOSED TO PATIENTS FOR EIGHT WEEKS. TENET SAID IT WOULD NOT RENEW ITS LEASE AT THE HOSPITAL BECAUSE OF THE COST OF CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS NEEDED TO UPGRADE THE AGING FACILITY.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 1/13/2009 REPORTED THAT SAN FRANCISCO INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT IS OFFERING A DEAL THAT WILL SAVE DRIVERS SOME GREEN, FOR GOING GREEN. MAYOR GAVIN NEWSOM LAUNCHED A NEW PROGRAM TO REWARD DRIVERS WHO RENT HYBRIDS OR OTHER ALTERNATIVE FUEL CARS FROM THE AIRPORT. THE MAYOR SAYS 600 CARS WILL BE PART OF THE TWO-YEAR PILOT PROGRAM. CARS WITH AN EPA RATING OF 18

MILES-PER-GALLON OR HIGHER WILL EARN THE RENTER A 15- DOLLAR DISCOUNT AT THE COUNTER. THE CITY EXPECTS THE PROGRAM WILL CUT FOUR THOUSAND TONS OF EMISSIONS EACH YEAR.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 1/13/2009 REPORTED THAT GROUPS WHO WORK WITH SAN FRANCISCO'S POOR ARE CALLING ON THE CITY TO HOLD A SPECIAL ELECTION TO RAISE MONEY FOR SERVICES. THE GROUPS SAY CITY MID-YEAR BUDGET CUTS HAVE UNFAIRLY TARGETED GROUPS THAT HELP THE SICK AND NEEDY. THEY SAY THE CITY COULD CUT SPENDING IN OTHER AREAS BY IMPOSING SALARY CAPS AND CUTTING CITY STAFF. THE GROUPS IS ALSO CALLING ON THE CITY TO HOLD A SPECIAL ELECTION IN JUNE TO CONSIDER TAX INCREASES AND OTHER REVENUE GENERATORS.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 1/13/2009 REPORTED THAT YOSHI'S JAZZ CLUB AND JAPANESE RESTAURANT IS CONSIDERED THE ANCHOR OF SAN FRANCISCO'S FILLMORE DISTRICT REDEVELOPMENT PLAN, BUT DESPITE THE OAKLAND-BASED ESTABLISHMENT'S NAME RECOGNITION, THIS FIRST YEAR OF OPERATION ON FILLMORE STREET HAS BEEN A ROUGH ONE. SO ROUGH THAT THE CITY'S REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY JUST AGREED TO HAND OVER ANOTHER \$1.5 MILLION TO THE RESTAURANT, BRINGING THE CITY'S TOTAL INVESTMENT IN YOSHI'S TO \$10 MILLION. YOSHI'S ISN'T THE ONLY ONE ASKING FOR ANOTHER ROUND OF FINANCIAL AID BUT RESTAURANTS LIKE 1300 ON FILLMORE AND RASSAELA'S ARE BEING CONSIDERED FOR LOANS AS WELL. THE QUESTION IS WHETHER THE REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY THROWING GOOD MONEY AFTER BAD TOWARD A NEIGHBORHOOD THAT SAW ITS HIGHS DURING THE 50'S JAZZ ERA AND ITS LOWS NOT LONG AGO WITH INCREASED CRIME STATISTICS. FRED BLACKWELL SAYS JUST LOOK AT THE DIFFERENCE IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD OVER THE LAST FEW YEARS BECAUSE THERE IS A NEW SENSE OF OPTIMISM AND SUCCESS. IF THE COMMUNITY SUPPORTS THE CHANGES, THEN BLACKWELL BELIEVES EVENTUALLY NO MATTER WHAT SETBACKS THE ECONOMY MAY BRING THESE RESTAURANTS WILL STAND ON THEIR OWN.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 1/13/2009 REPORTED THAT THE RICHMOND FIRE DEPARTMENT UNVEILED NEW CUSTOM FIRE TRUCKS, WITH A RETRO LOOK. THEY SHOWED OFF FOUR NEW ENGINES TODAY, AND AN AERIAL LADDER TRUCK ALL WITH DISTINCT BLACK TOPS AND A NEW LOGO. FIREFIGHTERS SAY THE NEW COLOR HONORS FALLEN FIREFIGHTERS, BUT IT IS ALSO REMINISCENT OF THE CHIEFS WHO ONCE DROVE MODEL-T'S WITH BLACK TOPS.

AND THE TRUCKS HAVE TECHNOLOGY THAT WORKS BETTER IN THE FIELD. THEY ORDERED ONE TRUCK THAT'S SMALLER THAN THE REST, TO NAVIGATE THE TIGHT CURVES AND HILLS IN POINT RICHMOND. THE LAST TIME THE FIRE DEPARTMENT GOT NEW TRUCKS WAS IN 2002.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 1/13/2009 REPORTED THAT THE ECONOMIC DOWNTURN HAS PUT SAN JOSE'S LOSSES IN ITS EMPLOYEE PENSION FUND AT MORE THAN A BILLION DOLLARS. BUT A BIG PORTION OF THOSE LOSSES IS DUE TO OVERPAYMENTS TO RETIRED CITY WORKERS. THE CITY SAYS SOME RETIREES GOT MORE THAN THEY SHOULD HAVE, IN BONUSES. BY LAW, THE CITY SAYS IT HAS TO GO AFTER THAT MONEY, BUT IT WILL BE DONE IN

A WAY THAT DOESN'T NEGATIVELY IMPACT THE RETIREES, WHO MAY BE ON A FIXED INCOME.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 1/13/2009 REPORTED THAT THERE'S A NEW CHIEF YAHOO IN TOWN. CAROL BARTZ WILL TAKE OVER AT THE STRUGGLING DOT COM GIANT. BARTZ IS A SILICON VALLEY VETERAN, AND WAS CHIEF EXECUTIVE AT SAN RAFAEL'S AUTODESK, DURING WHICH TIME THE SOFTWARE MAKER SAW STRATOSPHERIC GROWTH. SHE TAKES THE REINS AT YAHOO AFTER A YEAR THAT SAW A DECLINE IN MARKET SHARE, A MISSED OPPORTUNITY TO SELL ITSELF TO MICROSOFT, AND THE END OF CO-FOUNDER JERRY YANG'S TENURE AS CEO. AUTHOR, AND LONGTIME SILICON VALLEY-WATCHER MIKE MALONE CALLS BARTZ A SURVIVOR, AND A SUCCESS STORY. BARTZ TAKES OVER A COMPANY WITH A HUGE AUDIENCE, BUT LITTLE DIRECTION. DURING A BRIEF CONFERENCE CALL, SHE TOLD REPORTERS SHE SEES OPPORTUNITY AT YAHOO AND IS READY TO JUMP BACK IN. SHARES OF YAHOO STOCK, WHICH HAVE SLUMPED SINCE THE COMPANY REJECTED MICROSOFT'S BUYOUT OFFER, JUMPED ABOUT THREE PERCENT AFTER THE CEO ANNOUNCEMENT WAS MADE YAHOO PRESIDENT SUE DECKER, ALSO SEEN AS A CEO CANDIDATE, ANNOUNCED HER RESIGNATION THIS AFTERNOON.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 1/22/2009 REPORTED THAT A SILICON VALLEY COMPANY AGAIN TOPS FORTUNE 500'S LIST OF BEST COMPANIES TO WORK FOR, BUT IT'S NOT GOOGLE. THIS YEAR IT'S SUNNYVALE'S NETAPP, WHICH PROVIDES STORAGE AND DATA MANAGEMENT SERVICES. HAPPY EMPLOYEES MAKE THE MOST PRODUCTIVE EMPLOYEES AND MANY HIGH TECH COMPANIES OFFER PERKS WITH THEIR WORKERS COMFORT IN MIND. NETAPP CAPTURED THE NUMBER ONE SPOT NOT FOR THE PERKS BUT FOR THE OPEN FLOW OF IDEAS ENCOURAGED BY MANAGERS. SALES OPERATIONS SAYS IT'S NOT A TOP DOWN DICTATE HOW THINGS ARE TO BE RUN. IT'S VERY MUCH LEFT UP TO THE PEOPLE WHO ARE GOING TO BE DOING THINGS TO MAKE IT HAPPEN AND TO MAKE THE COMPANY SUCCESSFUL.

THAT INSTILLS A LOT OF TRUST AND IT INSTILLS A LOT OF COOPERATION. FORTUNE MAGAZINE'S RESEARCH AVOIDED THE OBVIOUS AND CONCENTRATED ON THE PEOPLE. COMING IN SECOND ON FORTUNE'S 100 BEST COMPANIES TO WORK FOR LIST: EDWARD JONES. BOSTON CONSULTING GROUP RANKS THIRD, GOOGLE SLIPS TO FOURTH, WHICH IS FOLLOWED BY WEGMAN'S FOOD MARKETS.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 1/22/2009 REPORTED THAT A U-N STUDY RELEASED TODAY, SHOWED THAT GREEN INVESTMENTS WERE UP 34-PERCENT IN THE SECOND QUARTER OF LAST YEAR COMPARED TO THE SAME TIME THE YEAR BEFORE. EVEN THOUGH THAT WAS BEFORE THE CREDIT CRISIS, INVESTORS THOUGHT THAT OF THAT PERFORMANCE AS THE WAVE OF THINGS TO COME.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 1/22/2009 REPORTED THAT GOOGLE MADE 382-MILLION DOLLARS IN THE LAST QUARTER OF LAST YEAR. THE

TECH GIANT MADE 1.2 BILLION DOLLARS IN THE SAME PERIOD, THE YEAR BEFORE, WHICH IS A 68-PERCENT DECLINE. BUT GOOGLE STILL MADE MORE MONEY THAN ANALYSTS EXPECTED AND THE STOCK IS UP, IN AFTER-HOURS TRADING.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 1/22/09 REPORTED THAT IN THE WORDS OF ONE ECONOMIST, THE GOOD NEWS ABOUT 2009 IS THAT IT WILL BE OVER IN TWELVE MONTHS. WHILE THAT HARDLY SOUNDS LIKE GOOD NEWS, EXPERTS LIKE STANFORD'S JOHN SHOVEN SAY, "LOOK AT IT THIS WAY, YOU'VE GOT TO HIT BOTTOM BEFORE TURNING THINGS AROUND." SHOVEN BELIEVES THAT THE BOTTOM IN THE ECONOMY IS 2009. SHOVEN AND COMERICA BANK ECONOMIST DANA JOHNSON WERE THE KEYNOTE SPEAKERS AT A CONFERENCE IN SANTA CLARA TODAY. BOTH BELIEVE THE ECONOMIC POLICIES BEGUN IN THE LAST ADMINISTRATION AND BEING PUSHED FORWARD BY THE PRESENT ONE WILL WORK, EVENTUALLY. BOTH SHOVEN AND JOHNSON AGREE THE FIRST SIGNS OF ECONOMIC LIFE WILL LIKELY COME FROM THE HOUSING MARKET. IT'S NOT A REBOUND, PER SAY, IT'S JUST THAT NUMBERS ARE NOT AS BAD AS THEY HAVE BEEN. EMPLOYMENT, THOUGH, IS GOING TO BE TOUGH. MICROSOFT'S FIRST-EVER LAYOFFS CERTAINLY WON'T BE COUNTRY'S LAST.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 1/22/2009 REPORTED THAT THERE ARE NO RAISES FOR YAHOO EMPLOYEES THIS YEAR. THE SUNNYVALE INTERNET COMPANY IMPOSED A SALARY FREEZE, AS IT STRUGGLES TO BOOST PROFITS IN THE SLOWING ECONOMY. THIS IS THE FIRST COST-CUTTING MEASURE TAKEN BY YAHOO'S NEW CEO, CAROL BARTZ, WHO WAS HIRED TWO WEEKS AGO TO TURN THE COMPANY AROUND.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA NEWS 6:00PM-7:00PM 01/27/09 REPORTED THAT ONE OF THE MOST CLOSELY WATCHED HOUSING INDEXES, SHOWS U.S. HOUSING PRICES CONTINUED TO PLUMMET IN NOVEMBER. THE CASE-SHILLER INDEX REVEALED HOME PRICES IN THE 20 LARGEST METROPOLITAN AREAS, DROPPED 18 PERCENT IN NOVEMBER, FROM THE PREVIOUS NOVEMBER. THAT'S A RECORD YEAR OVER YEAR DROP SINCE THE INDEX BEGAN TRACKING PRICES IN 2000. THE 20-CITY INDEX ON HOME PRICES HAS NOW REGISTERED A DECLINE FOR 28 CONSECUTIVE MONTHS.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA NEWS 6:00PM-7:00PM 01/27/09 REPORTED THAT A BREAK FROM LAYOFF NEWS TODAY WAS A WELCOME SIGH OF RELIEF ON WALL STREET. STOCKS CLOSED HIGHER TODAY. THE DOW ROSE 58-POINTS, THE NASDAQ UP 15, AND LATE NEWS OUT OF THE SILICON VALLEY BODES WELL FOR TOMORROW. THE SUNNYVALE DOT COM GIANT IS STILL LOSING MONEY. BUT, IN THE FIRST EARNING REPORT UNDER NEW CEO CAROL BARTZ, YAHOO'S NUMBERS WERE BETTER THAN EXPECTED, NO NEW LAYOFFS ANNOUNCED AND YAHOO SHARES MOVED HIGHER IN AFTER HOURS TRADING. A SIMILAR PICTURE AT SUN MICROSYSTEMS WHERE THE SANTA CLARA COMPUTER COMPANY REPORTED A QUARTERLY LOSS, BUT ALSO CAME IN AHEAD OF WALL STREET GUESSES. SUN SHARES ALSO HIGHER IN AFTER HOURS ACTION. ONE SILICON VALLEY COMPANY 'MAKING' MONEY IS GILEAD SCIENCES. THE BIOTECH FIRM SAYS QUARTERLY PROFIT WENT UP THANKS TO ROBUST SALES OF ITS DRUG TO FIGHT HIV. THIS BRINGS UP THE POINT THAT EVEN IN A TOUGH ECONOMY,

SOME COMPANIES ARE DOING VERY WELL LARGELY BECAUSE THEY MAKE YOUR LIFE A LITTLE BETTER; CALL IT THE "COMFORT ECONOMY."

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA NEWS 6:00PM-7:00PM 01/27/09 REPORTED THAT MOST PRINT PUBLICATIONS ARE MOVING THEIR BUSINESS ONLINE THESE DAYS, BUT ONE NEW PAPER IS REVERSING THE TREND. NBC BAY AREA'S LISA BERNARD REPORTED THAT THE PRINTED BLOG IS LIKE A PENNY-SAVER WITH A TWIST. YOU HEARD RIGHT, A "PRINT OUT" OF BLOGS USUALLY READ "ON-LINE" THE BRAINCHILD OF A CHICAGO PUBLISHER WHO SAYS HE CAN SELL ADS AND OFFER THE COLLECTION OF BLOGS FOR FREE. MICHAEL TOY GIVES AWAY 500 OF THE FIRST ISSUE, HOT OFF THE PRESSES, THIS MORNING. IT'S NOT JUST BLOGS, BUT IT "IS" ALL USER-GENERATED CONTENT LIKE PHOTOS OR READER COMMENTS. BART RIDERS ARE WILLING TO GIVE IT A SHOT. THE PLAN IS TO PUT OUT A "PRINTED BLOG" EDITION ONCE A WEEK FOR NOW, WITH A GOAL OF PUTTING ONE OUT TWICE A DAY EVENTUALLY.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA NEWS 6:00PM-7:00PM 01/27/09 REPORTED THAT NEW YORK'S ATTORNEY GENERAL ISSUED SUBPOENAS TO THE FORMER CEO AT MERRILL LYNCH, AND A TOP BANK OF AMERICA EXECUTIVE, OVER MASSIVE BONUSES. FORMER MERRILL LYNCH CEO JOHN THAIN RESIGNED LAST WEEK AFTER REPORTS THAT BILLIONS OF DOLLARS IN BONUSES WERE PAID TO MERRILL EXECUTIVES IN LATE DECEMBER. THOSE BONUSES WERE PAID AS MERRILL PREPARED TO REPORT 15 BILLION DOLLARS IN FOURTH QUARTER LOSSES. IT ALSO CAME, AS BANK OF AMERICA WAS SEEKING FEDERAL FUNDS TO HELP IT ABSORB THE MOUNTING LOSSES AT MERRILL, AFTER B-OF-A BOUGHT THE STRUGGLING INVESTMENT BANK.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA NEWS 6:00PM-7:00PM 01/27/09 REPORTED THAT CITIGROUP NOW SAYS IT WON'T TAKE DELIVERY OF A NEW 42-MILLION DOLLAR CORPORATE JET, AFTER ALL. THAT'S A REVERSAL FROM YESTERDAY, WHEN CITIGROUP SAID IT HAD ALREADY PUT DOWN A DEPOSIT. THAT DIDN'T GO OVER WELL WITH THE WHITE HOUSE OR THE TREASURY DEPARTMENT, WHICH HAS DOLED OUT SOME 45 BILLION DOLLARS IN BAILOUT AID TO THE STRUGGLING BANK.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 02/03/09 REPORTED THAT THE SAN FRANCISCO-BASED BANK FOUND ITSELF WITH A PR PROBLEM, WHEN WORD GOT OUT IT WAS PLANNING TO PUT UP SEVERAL EMPLOYEES IN HIGH-END HOTEL. THAT'S BECAUSE WELLS FARGO, WHICH MOSTLY MANAGED TO STAY OUT OF THE FINANCIAL MELTDOWN MESS, ACCEPTED BILLIONS IN FEDERAL ASSISTANCE TO KEEP MORTGAGE MONEY FLOWING. WELLS FARGO RECONSIDERED AND SAYS IT IS CANCELING THE TRIP.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 02/03/09 REPORTED THAT THE LATEST AUTO SALES NUMBERS SHOW BIG DISCOUNTS AND FINANCING INCENTIVES ARE NOT ENOUGH TO OVERCOME THE ECONOMY. CHRYSLER SALES IN THE U-S DROPPED 55 PERCENT IN JANUARY. FOR GENERAL MOTORS, THE DECLINE WAS 49 PERCENT. BOTH COMPANIES ARE USING FEDERAL LOANS TO STAY IN BUSINESS AND ARE HOPING TO GET MORE BAILOUT MONEY THIS MONTH. FORD POSTED A 40 PERCENT SALES DROP, BUT HAS SAID IT DOESN'T INTEND TO TAKE ANY FEDERAL MONEY.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 02/03/09 REPORTED THAT THE DMV MAY BE CUTTING BACK HOURS TO SAVE MONEY, BUT OTHER COMPANIES ARE HOPING TO FILL THE VOID. THE DMV ANNOUNCED IT WILL BE CLOSING THE FIRST AND THIRD FRIDAY OF EVERY MONTH BECAUSE OF THE ECONOMY IN WHICH THE AGENCY HAD ALREADY CANCELLED ITS SATURDAY SERVICE. THE CALIFORNIA AUTOMOBILE ASSOCIATION TODAY REMINDED ITS CUSTOMERS THAT IT CAN PERFORM MANY OF THE SAME SERVICES OFFERED BY THE DMV TRIPLE-A SAYS AMONG THE SERVICES IT OFFERS; VEHICLE RESTRIGATION RENEWALS, TRANSFERS OF OWNERSHIP AND LICENSE PLATE TRANSACTIONS.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 02/03/09 REPORTED THAT STOCKS SNAPPED A THREE-DAY LOSING STREAK. DRUG-MAKER MERCK BEATING EXPECTATIONS AND A BETTER-THAN-EXPECTED HOUSING REPORT HELPED PUSH THE DOW UP 141 POINTS. NASDAQ FINISHED UP NEARLY 22 POINTS, DESPITE A BIG DRAG FROM MILPITAS-BASED SANDISK, WARNING IT WILL MISS ITS REVENUE TARGET.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 02/03/09 REPORTED THAT THREE GAMES ARE ON HOLD FOR ELECTRONIC ARTS, AS THE REDWOOD CITY VIDEO GAME COMPANY POSTS A 641 MILLION DOLLAR LOSS. E-A, WHICH MAKES THE MADDEN FOOTBALL GAMES, WILL DELAY ITS RELEASE OF "SIMS THREE, "GODFATHER TWO" AND "DRAGON AGE" TO 2010, AND PLANS TO DEVELOP FEWER GAMES IN THE FUTURE AS IT FOCUSES MORE ON BIG HITS. E-A ALSO UPPED ITS JOB CUTS PLAN TO 11-HUNDRED, AND SAYS IT WILL CLOSE 12 FACILITIES.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 02/03/09 REPORTED THAT THERE WAS A DTV TEST IN WHICH THE FCC IS REQUIRING BROADCASTERS TO SWITCH OFF THE ANALOG SIGNAL AND BROADCAST SOLELY IN DIGITAL. THE SWITCH HAPPENS IN JUST 14-DAYS PUTTING BROADCASTS IN A GRAPHIC ON THE SCREEN. IF YOU SEE THE GRAPHIC ON THE LEFT THEN YOUR TV IS READY FOR THE SWITCH THEREFORE YOU DON'T HAVE TO DO ANYTHING. HOWEVER, IF YOU SEE THE GRAPHIC ON THE RIGHT THEN YOU WILL NEED TO TAKE ACTION OR THE PICTURE WILL GO OFF IN TWO WEEKS. WE'LL HAVE TIPS, LIVE FROM A CALL CENTER RIGHT AFTER WE RUN THIS TEST OF DTV. THE ONE CATCH TO ALL THIS IS THAT THE DTV SWITCH MAY BE DELAYED TO JUNE 12TH. THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES IS EXPECTED TO PASS A BILL TOMORROW, WHICH HAS ALREADY PASSED THE SENATE. YOU MAY RECALL THE HOUSE DEFEATED A DTV DELAY BILL LAST WEEK. THAT REQUIRED A TWO-THIRDS MAJORITY. TOMORROW'S VOTE WILL REQUIRE ONLY A SIMPLE MAJORITY AND PRESIDENT OBAMA WILL SIGN IT IF CONGRESS PASSES IT.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 02/03/09 REPORTED THAT WELLS FARGO BANK RECEIVED BILLIONS IN BAILOUT MONEY AND THEN BOOKED A COMPANY JUNKET TO VEGAS. NOT JUST ANY CASINO EITHER, BUT TO THE RITZY AND PRICEY WYNN AND ENCORE. WELLS FARGO ADMITTED THAT IT'S TIMING WAS PRETTY BAD ON A PLANNED TRIP TO REWARD EMPLOYEES, SO IT'S CIRCLING ITS STAGECOACH WAGONS A BIT AND BACKPEDALING. THE PROBLEM IS THAT WELLS, STILL ARGUABLY A STRONG VIBRANT BANK, RECENTLY GOT 25

BILLION DOLLARS WORTH OF YOUR MONEY IN THE TAXPAYER BANK BAILOUT AND GIVEN THE STATE OF THE ECONOMY, AND GIVEN THAT OTHER BANKS, LIKE B-OF-A, HAVE RECENTLY CANCELLED THEIR PLANNED EMPLOYEE VACATIONS, WELLS HAD SOME EXPLAINING TO DO. WELLS TRYING TO GET THE WORD OUT THAT SOME OF THE 25 BILLION DOLLARS HAS ALREADY MADE IT BACK TO TAXPAYERS LOOKING TO BUY A HOME.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 02/03/09 REPORTED THAT A PALO ALTO BANK IS ONE OF 42 BANKS IN THE NATION TO GET FEDERAL FUNDS, BUT DON'T CALL IT A BAILOUT. THE PRIVATE BANK OF THE PENINSULA WILL GET 6-MILLION DOLLARS IN FUNDS UNDER THE CAPITAL PURCHASE PROGRAM. THE BANK IS ONE OF JUST SIX IN CALIFORNIA AND 42 NATIONWIDE TO QUALIFY FOR MORE THAN A-BILLION DOLLARS IN FUNDS. THE CAPITAL PURCHASE PROGRAM IS INTENDED FOR HEALTHY, VIABLE BANKS WITH MORE MONEY TO LEND. UNDER THE PROGRAM, THE BANK MUST COMPLY WITH RESTRICTIONS ON EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION AND LIMITS ON DIVIDENDS AND STOCK REPURCHASES.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 02/09/09 REPORTED THAT THIS SATURDAY LOVERS ACROSS THE BAY AREA WILL SHARE FLOWERS, CHOCOLATE AND NICE DINNERS. AT LEAST THAT'S THE HOPE OF BUSINESSES IN THIS TOUGH ECONOMY. NBC BAY AREA'S JEAN ELLE SHOWED US SOME VALENTINES DEALS FOR THE HEART AND WALLET. HER REPORT INCLUDED THE STORY OF VANESSA MARLIN. SIX MONTHS AGO, SHE TRADED IN THE NINE-TO-FIVE TO TAKE OVER BELL AND TRUNK FLOWER SHOP, BUT SHE QUICKLY REALIZED BUSINESS IN A TOUGH ECONOMY COMES WITH PLENTY OF THORNS. LIKE MANY BUSINESSES, MARLIN IS HOPING VALENTINES DAY WILL BRING A CROP OF CUSTOMERS. THEREFORE, SHE TRIMMED PRICES AND OFFERED CHEAPER ALTERNATIVES TO ROSES. SHE SAYS VALENTINES DAY ALONE GENERATES 20 PERCENT OF HER ANNUAL INCOME. ADDITIONALLY, RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS ARE ROLLING-OUT SPECIALS TO FILL THE SEATS. DAN SCHEROTTER OF SAN FRANCISCO PALIO D'ASTI RESTAURANT SAYS SINCE VALENTINES DAY FALLS ON A SATURDAY, HE IS HOPING TO MAKE IT A VALENTINE WEEKEND. EVEN THE UPSCALE FAIRMONT HOTEL IS OFFERING VALENTINE'S SPECIALS, INCLUDING A BREAK-UP PACKAGE FOR THE NEWLY SINGLE.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 02/09/09 REPORTED THAT ANYONE LOOKING TO CREATE THE NEXT MYSPACE, U-TUBE OR CRAIGSLIST MAY BE INTERESTED IN THE FIRST EVER USER GENERATED CONTENT CONFERENCE. IT'S GOING ON AT THE SAN JOSE CONVENTION CENTER. 500 BLOGGERS, AMATEUR PHOTOGRAPHERS AND MUSICIANS HOPING TO CASH IN ON THEIR HOBBY SIGNED UP FOR THE CONVENTION IN HOPES OF GETTING THE TOOLS TO BECOME THE NEW WAVE OF ENTREPRENEURS. THE CONVENTION CONTINUES TOMORROW AND ORGANIZERS HOPE TO MAKE IT AN ANNUAL EVENT.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 02/09/09 REPORTED THAT PRESIDENT OBAMA TRAVELED TO AN INDIANA TOWN WITH A 15-PERCENT UNEMPLOYMENT RATE TO HEAR HOW THOSE PEOPLE FEEL ABOUT THE ECONOMIC STIMULUS PACKAGE. THERE ARE SOME COMMUNITIES IN THE BAY AREA EXPERIENCING ENORMOUS JOB LOSSES. NBC BAY AREA'S TRACI GRANT REPORTED LIVE IN OAKLAND TO TELL US WHAT PEOPLE IN THE EAST BAY

THINK ABOUT THE PLAN AND WHETHER THEY BELIEVE IT COULD REALLY MAKE A DIFFERENCE. OAKLAND HAS AN UNEMPLOYMENT RATE OF 11.9%, WHICH IS MORE THAN TWO PERCENT HIGHER THAN THE UNEMPLOYMENT RATE FOR THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA. BUT NOT FAR FROM THERE, IN SAN PABLO, THOSE NUMBERS ARE EVEN HIGHER, AND PEOPLE ARE HUNGRY FOR HELP. THE FINANCIAL SITUATION IN SAN PABLO IS SIMILAR TO ELKHART, INDIANA WHERE PRESIDENT OBAMA SPOKE TO RESIDENTS ABOUT THEIR ECONOMIC WOES AND PROMOTED HIS ECONOMIC STIMULUS PACKAGE. THE ONE FACET OF THE PACKAGE THAT STANDS OUT TO MOST PEOPLE IS THE EFFORT TO STEM THE LOSS OF JOBS AND HELP IDLE WORKERS FINALLY GET BACK ON THE CLOCK. ERIC BURNS INTRODUCED JOB READINESS TO PEOPLE SEARCHING FOR JOBS. 22-YEAR-OLD VERONICA MORA SAYS "SHE'S BARELY BEEN SURVIVING" WHILE SHE SEARCHES FOR AN OPENING FOR A TRUCK DRIVER POSITION. THE CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE ESTIMATES IT COULD CREATE BETWEEN 1.3 AND 3.9 MILLION JOBS BY 2010 AND PROVIDE AID TO FINANCIALLY DESPERATE STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS. JOSE DONZELE WAS LAID OFF A MONTH AND A HALF AGO AND IS LOOKING FOR A CHEAPER RENTAL HOME FOR HIS FAMILY. HE SAYS HE WANTS OBAMA'S PLAN TO LAUNCH AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. SOME PEOPLE TOLD US TODAY THAT OBAMA'S SPEECH WAS MUST-SEE TV FOR THEM AND THEY SAID THEY WILL ALSO BE FOLLOWING WHAT HAPPENS TO THE PACKAGE IN THE HANDS OF LAWMAKERS.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 02/09/09 REPORTED THAT EVERY NIGHT IT SEEMS AS THOUGH TELL ANOTHER COMPANY IS LAYING OFF WORKERS, BUT TONIGHT THERE IS A COMPANY BUCKING THAT TREND. KOHL'S IS OPENING A NEW LOCATION IN ALAMEDA, AND AS NBC-BAY AREA'S JODI HERNANDEZ REPORTED, THE STORE IS NOW HIRING!!! THE COMPANY IS HOLDING A JOB FAIR THROUGH THURSDAY AND IT HAD 150 POSITIONS. TO FILL THE STORE WILL BE FULLY STAFFED AND OPEN FOR BUSINESS IN APRIL. KOHL'S PLANS TO OPEN 50 NEW STORES NATIONWIDE THIS YEAR

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 02/18/09 REPORTED THAT HP IS NOT ONLY A COMPANY THAT LEADS A LOT OF THE TECH SECTOR UP OR DOWN, IT IS ALSO A COMPANY THAT HAD BEEN WEATHERING THE RECESSION PRETTY WELL, UNTIL TONIGHT. THE PALO ALTO TECH GIANT BECOMES THE LATEST COMPANY TO FEEL THE SLOWDOWN IN TECHNOLOGY SPENDING IT STILL TURNED A PROFIT, BUT 13 PERCENT LOWER THAN LAST QUARTER. BOTH COMPUTER SALES, AND HP'S PRINTER INK BUSINESS HIT HARD BY THE ECONOMIC DOWNTURN NOW HP'S STOCK IS DOWN FIVE PERCENT AFTER HOURS.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 02/18/09 REPORTED THAT TWO LOCAL CHIP COMPANIES LOOK LIKE THEY MAY MEET IN COURT. INTEL FILED A MOTION CLAIMING THAT NVIDIA DOES NOT HAVE THE RIGHT TO MAKE CHIPSETS COMPATIBLE WITH INTEL'S NEW CHIPS. NVIDIA CLAIMS A PREVIOUS LICENSE AGREEMENT DOES APPLY TO THE NEW CHIPS. BOTH COMPANIES ARE BASED IN SANTA CLARA.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 02/18/09 REPORTED THAT IF YOU'RE FEELING BAD ABOUT THE ECONOMY, THESE COMMENTS WILL NOT

MAKE YOU FEEL ANY BETTER. FORMER FED CHAIR ALAN GREENSPAN SAYS HE THINKS THIS CURRENT RECESSION WILL BE THE WORST SINCE THE 1930'S AND ALSO SAYS THE GOVERNMENT MAY ACTUALLY HAVE TO 'TAKE CONTROL OF' SOME OF THE BANKS IN ORDER TO SAVE THE BANKING SYSTEM."

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 02/18/09 REPORTED THAT A NEW A-P POLL SAYS TWICE AS MANY PEOPLE ARE CONCERNED ABOUT LOSING THEIR JOB THIS YEAR, AS COMPARED TO LAST YEAR. CLOSE TO 3/4 OF THOSE SURVEYED SAY THEY KNOW SOMEONE WHO HAS LOST HIS OR HER JOB IN THE LAST SIX MONTHS.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 02/18/09 REPORTED THAT CALIFORNIA'S UNEMPLOYMENT CENTERS ARE CAUGHT IN A VICIOUS CYCLE, AND IT IS COSTING THE STATE MILLIONS! STAFF MEMBERS ARE SO BUSY WITH LINES OF PEOPLE THAT THEY CANNOT ANSWER THE TELEPHONE. SO SOME 67-MILLION CALLERS IN RECENT MONTHS HAVE GOTTEN A RECORDED MESSAGE INSTEAD OF A HUMAN BEING. AND EACH TIME THAT MESSAGE PLAYS, THE STATE PAYS FIVE-CENTS TO VERIZON. THE SACRAMENTO BEE REPORTS THE STATE HAS PAID SOME SEVEN-MILLION DOLLARS FOR THAT MESSAGE-SERVICE IN THE PAST 13-MONTHS. ONE TAX CRITIC ANGRILY SUGGESTS REPLACING THE MESSAGE WITH A BUSY SIGNAL.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 02/18/09 REPORTED THAT BENEFITS FOR RETIRED WORKERS ARE THE MAJOR STICKING POINT IN NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN THE UNITED AUTO WORKERS AND THE "BIG THREE" AUTOMAKERS. BOTH SIDES HAVE REACHED A TENTATIVE DEAL ON OVERTIME, WORK RULES AND COST-OF-LIVING PAY INCREASES TO HELP LOWER THE COMPANIES' LABOR COSTS. THE AUTO COMPANIES WANT TO PAY THE UNION-RUN HEALTH CARE TRUST IN STOCKS, INSTEAD OF CASH. HOWEVER, UNIONS ARE UNDERSTANDABLY WARY ABOUT THE DEAL. CONCESSIONS WITH THE UNION ARE A CONDITION OF THE 17 BILLION DOLLARS IN GOVERNMENT LOANS THAT AUTO MAKERS HAVE RECEIVED SO FAR.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 03/31/09 REPORTED THAT AT 5PM THIS AFTERNOON, A DEADLINE WAS PASSED FOR THE EMPLOYEES AT THE FINANCIALLY TROUBLED SAN FRANCISCO CHRONICLE, TO INFORM MANAGEMENT IF THEY WOULD QUIT THEIR JOBS BY ACCEPTING A BUYOUT OR FACE THE RISK OF BEING LAID OFF IN APRIL. AMONG THOSE LEAVING ARE MUSIC CRITIC JOEL SELVIN, FEATURE REPORTER STEVE RUBINSTEIN AND PULITZER PRIZE-WINNING PHOTOGRAPHER KIM KOMENICH. THE HEARST CORPORATION NEEDS TO TRIM 150 POSITIONS AT THE PAPER. MANY EDITORS, REPORTERS AND PHOTOGRAPHERS ARE OPTING TO GIVE UP THEIR JOBS TO TAKE UP TO ONE YEAR'S PAY PLUS MEDICAL BENEFITS.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 03/31/09 REPORTED THAT SOME BAY AREA MALLS ARE REPORTEDLY STRUGGLING TO STAY OPEN. GENERAL GROWTH PROPERTIES, BASED IN CHICAGO, OWNS SEVERAL LOCAL MALLS, INCLUDING SOUTHLAND MALL, STONESTOWN IN SAN FRANCISCO, AND EASTRIDGE MALL IN SAN JOSE. THE COMPANY FILED PAPERWORK ADMITTING TO THE MALLS BEING LEVERAGED WITH HUNDREDS OF MILLIONS OF DOLLARS IN DEBT AND A GENERAL GROWTH SPOKESPERSON SAYS ALL THE MALLS ARE STILL IN BUSINESS.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 03/31/09 REPORTED THAT GOOGLE IS SEARCHING FOR A FEW GOOD STARTUPS AND THE MOUNTAIN VIEW COMPANY SAYS IT WILL INVEST CLOSE TO 100 MILLION DOLLARS OVER THE NEXT TWELVE MONTHS WHILE LOOKING FOR PROMISING TECHNOLOGY STARTUPS. IT HAS ALREADY INVESTED MONEY INTO TWO BAY AREA COMPANIES.

CONSUMER ISSUES

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 1/8/2009 REPORTED THAT THE BARACK OBAMA TRANSITION TEAM IS ASKING FOR A DELAY IN NEXT MONTH'S DIGITAL TV SWITCH. THE TEAM SENT A LETTER TO CONGRESS ASKING TO POST-PONE THEIR MANDATED FEBRUARY 17TH DATE. THAT'S WHEN PEOPLE WHO USE ROOF ANTENNAS OR RABBIT EARS WILL NEED A CONVERTER BOX. WITH THE FEDERAL VOUCHER FUND NOW DRY, THE OBAMA TEAM SAYS ITS CONCERNED THE GOVERNMENT ISN'T DOING ENOUGH TO HELP PEOPLE GET READY FOR THE CHANGE. BECAUSE CONGRESS SET THE DATE FOR THE CHANGE, IT WOULD HAVE TO PASS A NEW LAW TO POSTPONE IT.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 1/8/2009 REPORTED THAT WATCHING WALL-STREET, TODAY WAS A MIXED BAG WITH DISMAL RETAIL SALES OFF-SETTING GAINS IN TECH. THE DOW ENDED THE DAY DOWN ABOUT 30 POINTS, WITH WAL-MART LEADING THE DECLINE. THE DISCOUNTER ANNOUNCED IT MISSED ITS DECEMBER SALES TARGET AND SLASHED ITS EARNINGS FORECAST. MACY'S AND GAP DID THE SAME THING. A GAIN FROM MICROSOFT HELPED KEEP THE NASDAQ IN POSITIVE TERRITORY. BUT SANTA CLARA BASED SUN MICROSYSTEMS SANK MORE THAN EIGHT PERCENT, AFTER IT WAS PLACED ON GOLDMAN SACH'S SELL LIST.

NBC BAY AREA, THE NBAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 1/13/2009 REPORTED THAT THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE HAVE DOWNLOADED THE LATEST AP FOR YOUR I-PHONE, COURTESY NBC BAY AREA. WE PARTNERED WITH CALTRANS, TO GIVE YOU A LOOK AT REAL-TIME TRAFFIC, 24 HOURS A DAY. FROM YOUR IPHONE JUST GO TO THE "AP" STORE AND DOWNLOAD IT SO YOU CAN CHECK OUT THE LIVE TRAFFIC CAM NETWORK. IT COULD HELP SAVE YOU A LOT OF TIME BEFORE YOU HEAD HOME EACH NIGHT. IF YOU DON'T HAVE AN IPHONE, GO TO NBC BAY AREA DOT COM SLASH MOBILE FROM YOUR DESK TOP, OR LAPTOP. YOU CAN ALSO CALL 877-NBCBAY1. IT'S EASY TO INSTALL, AND IT'S FREE!

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 1/13/2009 REPORTED THAT YOUR DREAM JOB MAY BE WAITING FOR YOU IN THE LAND DOWN UNDER. AUSTRALIA'S TOURISM DEPARTMENT IS LOOKING FOR SOMEONE TO TRAVEL TO THE ISLANDS ALONG THE GREAT BARRIER REEF AND CREATE A VIDEO BLOG. ALSO YOU'LL GET TO LIVE IN AN OCEANFRONT MANSION AND WILL GET PAID MORE THAN 100-THOUSAND AUSTRALIAN DOLLARS. HOWEVER, YOU HAVE TO GIVE THE JOB UP AND GO HOME AFTER SIX MONTHS. IF YOU'RE INTERESTED, THE TOURISM DEPARTMENT IS ACCEPTING VIDEO ENTRIES ON ITS WEBSITE ISLANDREEFJOB.COM.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 01/14/2009 REPORTED THAT CONSUMER CONFIDENCE DOESN'T APPEAR TO BE LOOKING UP. NEW FIGURES RELEASED THIS MORNING, SHOW RETAIL SALES PLUNGED IN DECEMBER. LEADING TO THE WORST HOLIDAY SHOPPING SEASON IN 40 YEARS. WITH BIG RETAILERS LIKE CIRCUIT CITY FILING FOR BANKRUPTCY, AND MERVYN'S SHUTTING DOWN ALTOGETHER, IT'S NO WONDER SAN LEANDRO IS WELCOMING ITS NEW WALMART WITH OPEN ARMS. AT A TIME OTHER RETAILERS ARE SHUTTING THEIR DOORS. . WALMART IS OPENING THEIRS IN SAN LEANDRO. DEBORAH COOPER IS ONE OF THE 325 PEOPLE WHO GOT JOBS HERE, AND JUST IN TIME, TOO. SHE LOST HER JOB IN NOVEMBER WHEN ANOTHER RETAILER WENT UNDER. COMPETITION IS FIERCE. THE STORE MANAGER SAYS THAT FOR EVERY JOB HE HAD, HE GOT ABOUT TEN APPLICATIONS. WHILE LOCAL BUSINESS OWNERS DO NOT ALWAYS WELCOME WALMART, ERNIE PRESSMAN ACROSS THE STREET SAYS THIS COMMUNITY NEEDS JOBS. AS FOLKS LOOK FOR WORK, THE CITY OF SAN LEANDRO LOOKS TO GET OUT OF THE RED. THE NEW WALMART STORE IS EXPECTED GENERATE ABOUT A HALF-MILLION DOLLARS A YEAR IN SALES TAXES. BUT THAT'S ONLY IF PEOPLE SPEND. DECEMBER SALES AT WALMART STORES WERE UP ALMOST TWO-PERCENT, BUT IT STILL WASN'T ENOUGH TO MEET ANALYST EXPECTATIONS. THE OUTGOING CEO SAID THE FIRST HALF OF THIS YEAR WILL BE EXTREMELY CHALLENGING.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 1/19/09 REPORTED THAT CELL PHONE COMPANIES HAVE A PLEA FOR TOMORROW'S INAUGURAL MASSES: WE HAVE TO GO EASY ON THE WIRELESS COMMUNICATIONS CARRIERS BECAUSE THEY WORRY THAT THE EXUBERANT CROWDS WILL OVERWHELM THEIR NETWORKS WITH PHONE CALLS AND PHOTO TEXT MESSAGES. THE CARRIERS HAVE SPENT MILLIONS OF DOLLARS TEMPORARILY UPGRADING THEIR NETWORKS IN WASHINGTON. BUT THEY'RE ALSO ASKING PEOPLE TO LIMIT PHONE CALLS TOMORROW AND TO WAIT TO SEND PHOTOS FROM THEIR PHONES UNTIL AFTER THE EVENT.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 1/22/2009 REPORTED THAT "WIRED" FIRST REPORTED ABOUT 400 CUSTOMERS WHO PUT DOWN HEFTY DEPOSITS ON THE 2008 ELECTRIC SPORTS CAR, WILL NOW HAVE TO PAY ANOTHER 67-HUNDRED DOLLARS FOR FEATURES THAT HAD BEEN CONSIDERED STANDARD. FEATURES LIKE A HIGH-POWER CONNECTOR FOR SUPER-FAST BATTERY CHARGING, AND FORGED ALLOY WHEELS. THE BASE PRICE FOR THE 2008 MODEL RANGES FROM 92 TO 98 THOUSAND DOLLARS. BUT WITH PRODUCTION COSTS REPORTED TO BE AS HIGH AS 140-THOUSAND DOLLARS, THE STRUGGLING PENINSULA-BASED COMPANY NEEDS THE EXTRA CASH TO BOOST THE MARGINS.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 1/22/2009 REPORTED THAT VOTERS IN PALO ALTO MIGHT HAVE A TOUGH DECISION ON THEIR HANDS COME NOVEMBER. THERE IS A GOOD CHANCE THE CITY WILL PUT A BUSINESS LICENSE TAX ON THE BALLOT. PALO ALTO IS ONE OF THE FEW CALIFORNIA CITIES THAT DOESN'T REQUIRE ITS BUSINESSES TO REGISTER AND PAY A FEE. SOME WORRY IT MIGHT MEAN MORE VACANCIES OTHERS SAY THIS IS GOOD NEWS AND WILL HELP DURING TOUGH ECONOMIC TIMES. THE FINANCE COMMITTEE WILL TAKE A CLOSER LOOK AT THE BUSINESS LICENSE TAX IN MARCH.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 1/22/2009 REPORTED THAT FARE INCREASES COULD BE COMING TO BART, AS DIRECTORS TRY TO COPE WITH THE TIMES. THE TRANSIT AGENCY IS SCHEDULED TO INCREASE FARES, BY FIVE AND A HALF PERCENT IN JANUARY OF 2010. BUT BART IS NOW CONSIDERING IMPOSING THAT HIKE EARLY EITHER IN MAY OR JULY TO DEAL WITH A 90-MILLION DOLLAR DEFICIT. IT'S ALSO LOOKING AT IMPOSING A FARE HIKE OF 10 PERCENT IN MAY OR JULY WELL AHEAD OF THE SCHEDULED JANUARY 2010 INCREASE. BART IS ALSO CONSIDERING A FIVE TO 10 CENT "SURCHARGE" ON ALL TRIPS, AND A DOLLAR INCREASE IN PARKING FEES. THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MET TODAY, TO HEAR THE PROPOSALS, BUT DON'T PLAN ON TAKING ACTION UNTIL LATE NEXT MONTH.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA NEWS 6:00PM-7:00PM 01/27/09 REPORTED THAT EVEN IN RECESSIONARY TIMES PEOPLE STILL LOVE TO WATCH MOVIES, LOTS OF US WATCH THEM AT HOME, TO SAVE MONEY, AND THAT'S GOOD NEWS FOR NETFLIX, THE SILICON VALLEY DOT COM DVD RENTER, WHICH HAS SEEN PROFITS SOAR LATELY, EVEN WHILE THE OVERALL ECONOMY SINKS. THAT'S STEVE SWASEY OF NETFLIX, TELLING US, INSIDE THE COMPANY'S MOVIE THEATRE, THAT HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF NEW SUBSCRIBERS JOINED UP OVER THE LAST THREE MONTHS MAKING NETFLIX A RECESSION-BEATER. ALSO SELLING WELL IN TOUGH TIMES, VIDEO GAMES, AND CHOCOLATE. HERSHEY'S PROFIT UP, SEEMS LIKE THERE ARE CERTAIN THINGS WE JUST WILL NOT DO WITHOUT, EVEN WHILE WE CUT BACK. FAST FOOD IS STILL SELLING, KEEPING MCDONALD'S PROFIT UP AND, WHILE WE'RE AT IT, COFFEE ANYONE? CALL IT COMFORT OR GOOD BUSINESS EITHER WAY CERTAIN BUSINESSES ARE MAKING MONEY, BY KEEPING THE CONSUMER HAPPY. AND IF YOU'RE LOOKING FOR SOMEWHERE TO PUT YOUR MONEY, KNOW THAT INVESTORS ARE REWARDING THOSE COMPANIES, TOO. NETFLIX, HERSHEY, MCDONALD'S, ALL HAVE SEEN SHARE PRICES RISE STEADILY, EVEN WHILE THE OVERALL MARKET FALLS.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA NEWS 6:00PM-7:00PM 01/27/09 REPORTED THAT WHAT WOULD BRING THE PRIDE OF NEW JERSEY TO THE HEART OF SILICON VALLEY? TODAY BRUCE SPRINGSTEEN ANNOUNCED HE'S TAKING THE E-STREET BAND ON A WORLD TOUR, WHICH LAUNCHES IN SAN JOSE APRIL FIRST, THAT'S NOT AN APRIL FOOL'S JOKE. TICKETS GO ON SALE MONDAY, FEBRUARY SECOND. BUT FIRST, SPRINGSTEEN WILL PLAY A LITTLE EVENT THIS SUNDAY CALLED THE SUPER BOWL. YOU CAN SEE IT RIGHT HERE ON NBC BAY AREA.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 02/03/09 REPORTED THAT THE SENATE VOTED TO LET BUYERS CLAIM A DEDUCTION FOR THE SALES TAX ON THEIR NEW CAR AS WELL AS THE INTEREST ON THEIR LOAN. ONE LOCAL AUTO DEALER SAYS THAT HE SUPPORTS ANYTHING THAT GETS PEOPLE TO SPEND MONEY. SINGLE PEOPLE HOUSEHOLDS, MAKING LESS THAN 125-THOUSAND DOLLARS A YEAR AND FAMILIES WITH INCOME LESS THAN 250-THOUSAND DOLLARS, WILL QUALIFY FOR THE NEW CAR TAX BREAK.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 02/09/09 REPORTED THAT AMAZON-DOT-COM TODAY INTRODUCED ITS NEXT-GENERATION OF THE KINDLE, IT'S FAMOUS E-BOOK. THE KINDLE-TWO HAS AN EASIER NAVIGATION SYSTEM, AND CAN EVEN READ ALOUD TO YOU. EVEN THOUGH IT IS AS THIN AS A

PENCIL, IT CAN STORE 15-HUNDRED BOOKS AND INSTEAD OF 200. BUT TECH CRITICS ARE BLASTING AMAZON FOR NOT SLIMMING-DOWN THE PRICE OF 359-DOLLARS. LAST FALL'S RAVE REVIEW BY OPRAH WINFREY LED TO AN INSTANT SELL-OUT OF THE KINDLE-ONE.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 03/31/09 REPORTED THAT THERE WAS A PITCH FROM HYUNDAI A WHILE BACK THAT STATED IF YOU LOSE YOUR JOB AFTER BUYING A CAR THE COMPANY WOULD HELP YOU OUT. TODAY, GM AND FORD ANNOUNCED SIMILAR PLANS, TO TRY AND ENTICE YOU INTO THE SHOWROOM. IF YOU FIGURE THAT AT LEAST PART OF THE REASON CAR SALES HAVE SLOWED IS THAT PEOPLE ALL WORRIED ABOUT THEIR JOBS, THEN THIS MAKES SENSE, BOTH FORD AND GM ANNOUNCED PLANS TO TAKE CARE OF CAR PAYMENTS IF YOU BUY ONE OF THEIR CARS AND THEN LOSE YOUR JOB. IN FACT, BAY AREA CAR SHOPPERS WERE FOUND TO BE PRETTY MUCH UNANIMOUS ABOUT THE AUTOMAKERS' OFFER. THERE 'ARE' DETAILS TO THE PLANS, IN WHICH GM SAYS IT'LL MAKE UP TO 9 CAR PAYMENTS OF 500 DOLLARS EACH, YOU MUST BUY YOUR NEW GM CAR FROM APRIL FIRST, THROUGH APRIL 30TH IN ORDER FOR THIS PLAN TO BE INACTED. GM SAYS IT WILL MAKE THE PAYMENTS IF YOU LOSE YOUR JOB WITHIN THE FIRST 24 MONTHS OF THE LOAN. MEANWHILE, THE OBAMA ADMINISTRATION HAS GIVEN GM SIXTY DAYS TO COME UP WITH A SUITABLE RESTRUCTURING PLAN.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 03/31/09 REPORTED THAT THERE IS A WAY TO PLAY VIDEO GAMES FOR LESS MONEY IN WHICH SONY SAYS IT HAS DROPPED THE PRICE TAG ON ITS PLAY STATION "2" CONSOLE to 99-99 REMEMBER, THIS IS THE PS "2" NOT PS-3. SONY HAS ALREADY SOLD 136 MILLION PS-2 CONSOLES SINCE THE DROP.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 03/31/09 REPORTED THAT THERE IS A NEW WAY TO TAKE YOUR MUSIC WITH YOU FROM THE SILICON VALLEY. IT IS 'SLOT RADIO' FROM SANDISK IN WHICH A COMPUTER AND SOFTWARE IS NOT NEEDED. ALL YOU HAVE TO DO IS BUY MUSIC 'CARDS' FOR 40 DOLLARS, SLIDE THEM INTO THE PLAYER, AND YOU ARE READY TO GO. THE PLAYER IS 99 DOLLARS AND THE CARDS COME WITH A THOUSAND OF SONGS, PAYING JUST FOUR CENTS A SONG. FOR THE MUSIC FAN WHO WANTS A FASTER MODEL THAN ITUNES, THIS IS THE WAY TO GO.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 03/31/09 REPORTED THAT IF YOU HAVE HAD YOUR EYE ON BUYING THAT NEW CAR, MAYBE YOU SHOULD GET IT TONIGHT BECAUSE IT WILL COST YOU MORE TOMORROW. THE STATE SALES TAX RISES TO 6 PERCENT, BUT LOCAL TAXES WILL BRING THE AVERAGE RATE TO NEARLY 9 PERCENT, AMONG THE HIGHEST RATES IN THE COUNTRY. THE TEMPORARY INCREASE IS EXPECTED TO BRING IN NEARLY 6 BILLION DOLLARS OVER THE NEXT 15 MONTHS. THE TAX HIKE COULD LAST LONGER IF VOTERS APPROVE AN EXTENSION IN A SPECIAL ELECTION IN MAY.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 03/31/09 REPORTED THAT THERE ARE SOME CHANGING TRENDS WHEN IT COMES TO HOME SALES AND HOW THEY'RE HEATING UP IN SOME PARTS OF CALIFORNIA. IN FACT, THERE WAS AN 83-PERCENT INCREASE IN SALES LAST MONTH, YEAR TO YEAR. THERE ARE IN FACT THOUSANDS OF HOMES FOR SALE AT GREATLY REDUCED PRICES ALL ACROSS THE GOLDEN STATE. IN MANY AREAS, PRICES HAVE PLUMMETED

BECAUSE OF FORECLOSURES, PRESENTING SOME GREAT OPPORTUNITIES FOR BUYERS.

CHILDREN, YOUTH, FAMILY, ELDERLY, MEN & WOMEN

NBC BAY AREA, BAY AREA VISTA, 10:00 AM - 10:30 AM 1/04/2009 FEATURED AN INTERVIEW WITH PAT MITCHELL, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF SILICON VALLEY FACES, PETER ORTIZ, A STUDENT DELEGATE OF CAMP EVERY TOWN (AN EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM OF SILICON VALLEY FACES), AND HIS MOTHER CATHERINE ORTIZ. SILICON VALLEY FACES IS AN ORGANIZATION THAT IS COMMITTED TO ENDING BIOCOTRY AND RACISM THROUGHOUT SILICON VALLEY AND THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY. THEIR MISSION IS TO PREVENT DISCRIMINATION BY EDUCATING PEOPLE ABOUT RACIAL ISSUES THROUGH PROGRAMS SUCH AS BUILDING CONNECTIONS AND CAMP EVERY TOWN. THEY ALSO OFFER ASSISTANCE TO VICTIMS OF VIOLENCE, RACISM, AND BIGOTRY ON BEHALF OF SANTA CLARA COUNTY. PETER ORTIZ, NOW A COLLEGE STUDENT, PARTICIPATED IN CAMP EVERY TOWN WHILE HE WAS IN HIGH SCHOOL AND HE SAID THAT HIS EXPERIENCE THERE CHANGED HIS LIFE BY TEACHING HIM TO RESPECT PEOPLE FROM OTHER CULTURES AND WAYS OF LIFE, INSPIRING HIM TO GO TO COLLEGE, AND BY TEACHING HIM HOW TO OPEN THE LINES OF COMMUNICATION WITHIN HIS FAMILY.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 1/5/2009 REPORTED THAT AN OAKLAND MAN WITH A HISTORY OF CHALLENGING FLIGHTS IS RECOVERING FROM A SMALL PLANE CRASH IN THE EAST BAY. 'THIERRY THYS' HAD ENGINE TROUBLE AFTER LEAVING THE OAKLAND AIRPORT SATURDAY, THEN WENT DOWN INTO THE TREES JUST NORTH OF LAKE CHABOT. DESPITE SUFFERING SERIOUS INJURIES THYS GOT OUT ON HIS OWN AND WALKED TO A NEARBY ROADWAY FOR HELP. THYS, NOW IN HIS SEVENTIES, ONCE FLEW FROM KAZAKHSTAN TO ALASKA, IN A HELICOPTER DESIGNED TO GO ONLY 300 MILES AT A TIME.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 1/8/2009 REPORTED THAT FRIENDS AND RELATIVES OF JOHN TRAVOLTA AND KELLY PRESTON GATHERED AT THEIR FLORIDA ESTATE FOR A MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR THE COUPLE'S SON, JETT. A LARGE WHITE TENT, TABLES AND CHAIRS WERE SET-UP ON THE GROUNDS, NEXT TO THE AIRSTRIP FOR TRAVOLTA'S PLANES. 16-YEAR OLD JETT DIED FROM A SEIZURE LAST WEEK AT THE FAMILY'S VACATION HOME IN THE BAHAMAS. A SPOKESMAN SAYS THE SERVICE ADHERED TO THE SCIENTOLOGY FAITH, CELEBRATING JETT'S LIFE, AND WISHING HIM WELL IN HIS FUTURE LIFE.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 1/13/2009 REPORTED THAT DAVE AND MEAGAN GOULDEN OF REDWOOD CITY NEVER THOUGHT THEY'D ATTEND PRESIDENT ELECT-OBAMA'S INAUGURATION IN PERSON. BUT THROUGH LUCK OR FATE OUT OF THE 60-THOUSAND TICKET REQUESTS TO SENATOR FEINSTEIN'S OFFICE THEY GOT TWO. FROM THAT MOMENT ON THE GOULDEN'S WERE DETERMINED TO FIND A WAY TO WITNESS HISTORY. BUT DUE TO COSTS AND AVAILABILITY, THEY WON'T BE TAKING A DIRECT ROUTE. FIRST THEY FLY TO NEW YORK. THEN THEY'LL RENT A CAR AND DRIVE TO THEIR HOTEL IN

BALTIMORE. FROM THEIR THEY'LL TAKE THE METRO INTO WASHINGTON D-C VERY EARLY TUESDAY MORNING. OBAMA HAS INSPIRED THE GOULDEN'S LIKE NO OTHER POLITICIAN AND THEY'RE USING HIS MESSAGE OF GIVING BACK TO HELP OTHERS WHILE THEY'RE IN D-C. IT'S A MESSAGE THEY HOPE TO PASS ON TO THEIR THREE KIDS. THE GOULDEN'S TRIP BACK WILL BE JUST AS CHALLENGING. THEY HAVE TO DRIVE BACK TO NEW YORK, THE NIGHT OF THE INAUGURATION.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 1/13/2009 REPORTED THAT A CARBON MONOXIDE LEAK LEFT A MAN DEAD IN SAN FRANCISCO LAST NIGHT. EMERGENCY CREWS EVACUATING AN APARTMENT BUILDING ON GEARY STREET FOUND THE BODY OF 78-YEAR-OLD EDDY CHOY SANTOS, AND TREATED SEVERAL OTHERS FOR C-O EXPOSURE. A CARBON MONOXIDE ALARM IN AN UNOCCUPIED APARTMENT SOUNDED FOR NEARLY A DAY BUT NEIGHBORS THOUGHT IT WAS AN ALARM CLOCK. FIRE CREWS SAY THE LEAK CAME FROM A BASEMENT BOILER, AND SPREAD THROUGHOUT THE BUILDING BY DRAFTS CREATED FROM THE ELEVATOR SHAFT. ANOTHER CARBON MONOXIDE LEAK MADE 8 PEOPLE SICK AT A CUPERTINO APARTMENT COMPLEX ON STEVENS CREEK. FIRE CREWS WERE CALLED IN YESTERDAY AFTERNOON TO HELP A MAN, ONLY TO BECOME VICTIMS THEMSELVES. A PRELIMINARY INVESTIGATION SHOWS THE LEAK STARTED INSIDE A RECREATION CENTER IN EITHER THE FURNACE OR THE WATER HEATER.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 1/13/2009 REPORTED THAT ONE OF THE LAST TWO LIVING SURVIVORS OF THE 1906 SAN FRANCISCO EARTHQUAKE TURNED 106 YEARS OLD THIS WEEKEND. HERBERT HAMROL WAS THREE YEARS OLD DURING THE EARTHQUAKE, AND SAYS HE STILL REMEMBERS THAT DAY. HE STILL LIVES ALONE AND WORKS PART TIME AT ANDRONICO'S IN SAN FRANCISCO, GREETING CUSTOMERS. HE HAS FIVE GRANDCHILDREN, SIX GREAT GRANDCHILDREN AND TWO GREAT-GREAT GRANDCHILDREN. HAMROL'S DAUGHTER-IN-LAW CREDITS HIS STAMINA, TO HIS NEED FOR KEEPING BUSY AND BEING WITH PEOPLE.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 01/14/2009 REPORTED THAT SOME PEOPLE ARE ALREADY DOING THEIR PART TO HELP THE COMMUNITY. AT THE STATE OF THE CITY EVENT THIS MORNING, THE CITY RECOGNIZED SEVERAL PEOPLE AND ORGANIZATIONS FOR THEIR CONTRIBUTIONS. AMONG THEM, DAVID NEELEMAN, AKA SARGE, AND HIS WIFE MARIA WHO RUN A NON-PROFIT BOXING CLUB. NBC BAY AREA'S SCOTT BUDMAN SHOWS US HOW THE NEELEMAN'S COMMITMENT TO GETTING YOUNG PEOPLE OFF THE STREETS AND INTO THE RING, IS AN EXAMPLE OF BEING BAY AREA PROUD. DREAMLAND BOXING CLUB RELIES ON VOLUNTEERS AND COMMUNITY DONATIONS. IT'S OPEN TO ASPIRING BOXERS OF ALL AGES, OR PEOPLE WHO JUST WANT TO GET IN SHAPE.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00 PM 01/14/2009 REPORTED THAT THE SUPER BOWL IS ABOUT 2 WEEKS AWAY ON FEBRUARY 1ST IN TAMPA. IT WAS ANNOUNCED TODAY THAT THE OSCAR WINNING ACTRESS, JENNIFER HUDSON, WILL SING THE NATIONAL ANTHEM BEFORE KICK OFF. THIS WILL BE HUDSON'S FIRST PUBLIC PERFORMANCE SINCE THE SHOOTING DEATHS OF HER MOTHER, BROTHER AND NEPHEW.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 1/19/09 REPORTED THAT VOLUNTEERS ACROSS THE U.S. HONORED THE SPIRIT OF DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. WITH A NATIONAL DAY OF SERVICE, AND RIGHT HERE AT HOME, VOLUNTEERS ROLLED UP THEIR SLEEVES ON TREASURE ISLAND. NBC BAY AREA'S JEAN ELLE REPORTED THAT THEY LENT A HELPING HAND TO VETERANS AND TELLS US THAT EVERY ONCE IN A WHILE EVERY HOME NEEDS A LITTLE T-L-C. SHE MENTIONS THE WALLS NEED FRESH PAINT AND THE LINENS NEED SOAP AND WATER. NAVY VETERAN MARY RIVERA SAYS, "IT'S A GOOD TIME AS ANY FOR A SPRING CLEANING." AS STRANGERS ARMED WITH BRUSHES AND GOOD INTENTIONS FILLED HER LIVING ROOM. THERE WAS A TIME, WHEN RIVERA WOULD HAVE BEEN THE ONE ROLLING UP HER SLEEVES. BUT AFTER FALLING ON HARD TIMES, THE NAVY VETERAN ENDED UP ESTABLISHING THEIR SWORDS TO PLOWSHARES PROGRAM FOR HOMELESS VETS. HER APARTMENT ON TREASURE ISLAND IS THE HOME BASE FOR HER RECOVERY AND RIVERA SEES HER LIFE IN THE WALLS THAT SURROUND HER. SHE COMMENTS, "SOMETIMES THEY JUST NEED A LITTLE CARE, TO BRING THEM BACK TO LIFE."

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 1/19/09 REPORTED THAT THE CASH STRAPPED CITY OF VALLEJO HAD TO CANCEL ITS ANNUAL MARTIN LUTHER KING JUNIOR DAY PARADE, BUT THAT DIDN'T STOP FOLKS FROM CELEBRATING DR. KING'S LEGACY. PEOPLE CAME TO HOGAN HIGH SCHOOL'S AUDITORIUM THIS MORNING TO REFLECT ON DOCTOR KING'S ACCOMPLISHMENTS, AND TO LOOK FORWARD TO BARACK OBAMA'S PRESIDENCY. MANY PEOPLE MARKED THIS VERY SPECIAL MARTIN LUTHER KING JUNIOR HOLIDAY BY RIDING THE FREEDOM TRAIN FROM SAN JOSE TO SAN FRANCISCO. CHERIE LAWSON AND HER FAMILY BOARDED THE FREEDOM TRAIN IN SAN JOSE. IT IS NOT THEIR FIRST TRIP, BUT IT IS THE ONE SHE HOPES HER THREE BOYS WILL REMEMBER EVERY MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. HOLIDAY. THE RIDE FROM SAN JOSE TO SAN FRANCISCO MARKS THE CIVIL RIGHTS LEADER'S BIRTHDAY, AND HONORS WHAT HE DID IN THE NAME OF EQUALITY. TOMORROW'S INAUGURATION OF PRESIDENT-ELECT BARAK OBAMA WILL DEFINITELY BE FUELED WITH EXCITEMENT. IN THIS CAR, WE FIND MEMBERS OF "JACK AND JILL", THE NATION'S OLDEST AND LARGEST AFRICAN AMERICAN FAMILY ORGANIZATION. AS THEY SING AND ANSWER TRIVIA QUESTIONS ABOUT DR. KING'S LIFE TODAY, THEY WILL CONTINUE TO CELEBRATE HIS LEGACY TOMORROW. REMEMBERING THAT THE STRUGGLES OF THE PAST BROUGHT TO FRUITION A TOMORROW MANY THOUGHT THEY WOULDN'T LIVE LONG ENOUGH TO SEE. THE FREEDOM TRAIN STOPPED IN SUNNYVALE, PALO ALTO, AND SAN MATEO. IT ENDED IN SAN FRANCISCO WITH A "CELEBRATION OF HOPE" AT CIVIC CENTER PLAZA.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 1/19/09 REPORTED A BAY AREA MEMBER OF THE TUSKEGEE AIRMEN WILL BE HONORED DURING TOMORROW'S INAUGURAL CEREMONY. VACAVILLE RESIDENT JAMES WARREN WILL JOIN THREE OTHER FORMER TUSKEGEE AIRMEN FROM CALIFORNIA AT TOMORROW MORNING'S CEREMONY. THE TUSKEGEE AIRMEN WERE THE NATION'S FIRST AFRICAN AMERICAN MILITARY PILOTS. THEY FLEW COMBAT FLIGHTS IN WORLD WAR TWO. TODAY, THESE CALIFORNIANS WERE ONE STEP CLOSER TO THEIR FINAL DESTINATION OF WASHINGTON D.C AND THE INAUGURATION OF BARACK OBAMA. THE TUSKEGEE AIRMEN PLAYED A KEY

ROLE IN THE CIVIL RIGHTS MOVEMENT, AND THEY SAY THE INAUGURATION OF BARACK OBAMA REPRESENTS EVERYTHING THEY FOUGHT FOR.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 1/19/09 REPORTED THAT CALIFORNIA DRIVERS MAY BE THE LATEST VICTIMS OF THE BUDGET STALEMATE. THE LEGISLATURE HAS FAILED TO FULLY SET UP A RECOVERY FUND AGENCY THAT IS DESIGNED TO PROTECT CONSUMERS WHEN CAR DEALERS GO OUT OF BUSINESS. ASSEMBLY SPEAKER KAREN BASS SAYS SHE'S BEEN PREOCCUPIED WITH THE BUDGET AND EXPECTS TO MAKE AN APPOINTMENT TO THE BOARD SHORTLY.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 1/19/09 REPORTED THAT JUSTIN PERRY, ONE OF OUR SPORTS INTERNS IS IN WASHINGTON D.C., IS PART OF THE SAN JOSE STATE GROUP RETRACING THE STEPS OF MARTIN LUTHER KING ALL THE WAY TO THE CAPITOL. JUSTIN ALONG WITH HIS FELLOW SAN JOSE STATE STUDENTS FILED REPORTS FOR CNN.BIG TIME. ONE ANCHOR COMMENTED, HE LEFT AS OUR INTERN AND HE'LL PROBABLY COME BACK AS OUR BOSS.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM 1/19/09 REPORTED THAT BARACK OBAMA IS ALSO GIVING A BOOST TO A PAIR OF BAY AREA RAPPERS. LIL' YANI, REAL NAME AYANIUS SAUCER WAS AT EMERYVILLE'S GRILL RECORDING STUDIO, WHERE THE 6-YEAR OLD LAYED DOWN HIS LYRICS, AND CLOSE TO WHERE HE 'MADE' THE VIDEO ALL HIS FRIENDS ARE TALKING ABOUT WHEN DLABRIE WROTE 'THIS' SONG IN EARLY 2008. HE WAS AHEAD OF HIS TIME, BUT AS OBAMA GAINED MOMENTUM, SO DID THE EAST OAKLAND-BASED RAPPER. RAPPING FOR OBAMA TURNS OUT TO BE A TICKET TO FAME THESE DAYS. AYANIUS' SONG, "OBAMA MADE ME PROUD," WAS WRITTEN BY HIS GREAT GRANDMOTHER WHO LOVES TO TELL YOUNG PEOPLE THAT SHE, TOO, CAN RAP. AT ONE POINT, DLABRIE ACTUALLY MET WITH OBAMA STAFFERS. HE NOW HAS A MAJOR RECORDING CONTRACT. HE IS RAPIDLY SPREADING VIRAL VIDEOS ON THE INTERNET.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 1/22/2009 REPORTED THAT FILM BUFFS OFTEN REFER TO SAN FRANCISCO AS THE BIRTHPLACE OF FILM NOIR. THIS WEEKEND A FESTIVAL DEDICATED TO THE DRAMATIC BLACK AND WHITE GENRE OPENS IN THE CITY. TO EDDIE MULLER, FILM NOIR ISN'T JUST A GENRE, BUT IT'S A LIFESTYLE. MULLER HAS A THING FOR FILM NOIR, KIND OF LIKE A MOTH GOES FOR A FLAME. EVERY YEAR MULLER PULLS TOGETHER A COLLECTION OF THE CLASSICS AND PUTS ON THE SAN FRANCISCO FILM NOIR FESTIVAL. INSTEAD, MULLER'S GIVING THEM ANOTHER SHOT AT THE BIG TIME ON THE SILVER SCREEN WHERE THEY BELONG. IT JUST GOES TO SHOW THAT EVEN IN THE UNDERBELLY OF THE CITY, SOME THINGS ARE BEST NOT FORGOTTEN.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 1/22/2009 REPORTED THAT A NORTH BAY MAN, WHO MADE HISTORY IN WORLD WAR TWO HAS NOW WITNESSED HISTORY IN WASHINGTON D.C. HE'S A MEMBER OF THE DISTINGUISHED 'TUSKEGEE AIRMEN' AND HE'S ON CLOUD-9, AFTER WATCHING OBAMA BECOME PRESIDENT IN PERSON. JAMES WARREN IS PROUD WHEN HE SHOWS THE RIBBONS AND MEDALS HE EARNED AS A TUSKEGEE AIRMEN. HE HAS THREE. DURING WORLD WAR TWO, THE ELITE PILOTS WERE DEDICATED YOUNG MEN WHO VOLUNTEERED TO BECOME AMERICA'S FIRST BLACK MILITARY

AIRMEN. AS A MILITARY PILOT BACK THEN, WARREN SAYS HE'S SEEN IT ALL. DISCRIMINATION WAS A WAY OF LIFE, BUT ON TUESDAY, HE HAD A FRONT ROW SEAT TO HISTORY. HE WAS THERE WHEN PRESIDENT BARACK OBAMA WAS SWORN IN, AND HE SAYS HIS FELLOW AIRMEN, FEABLE BUT STRONG WILLED HAD FEELINGS HARD TO DESCRIBE. THAT IS SOMETHING HE SAYS HE THOUGHT HE WOULD NEVER SEE.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 1/22/2009 REPORTED THAT TWO MOVIES WITH BAY AREA TIES ARE CELEBRATING OSCAR NOMINATIONS TODAY. SEAN PENN IS UP FOR BEST ACTOR, FOR HIS PORTRAYAL OF SAN FRANCISCO SUPERVISOR HARVEY MILK. JOSH BROLIN IS NOMINATED FOR BEST SUPPORTING ACTOR, FOR HIS ROLE AS MILK'S ASSASSIN, DAN WHITE. IN THE CITY OF EMERYVILLE, PIXAR IS CELEBRATING OSCAR'S RECOGNITION OF ITS ROBOT-ROMANCE, 'WALL-E.' IT GOT SIX NOMINATIONS, INCLUDING: BEST-ANIMATED FEATURE AND BEST ORIGINAL SCREENPLAY. MILK' IS ALSO NOMINATED FOR BEST PICTURE ALONG WITH 'FROST-NIXON, THE CURIOUS CASE OF BENJAMIN BUTTON, THE READER, AND SLUMDOG MILLIONAIRE.' LAS VEGAS ODDSMAKERS ARE PUTTING THEIR MONEY ON 'SLUMDOG' FOR BEST PICTURE. MICKEY ROURKE AND KATE WINSLET ARE FAVORITES, TO WIN BEST ACTOR AND ACTRESS.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 1/22/2009 REPORTED THAT AS THE MEMORIAL GROWS FOR THE DANVILLE TEENAGER KILLED LAST NIGHT, POLICE CONFIRM THEY HAVE IDENTIFIED A 'PERSON OF INTEREST' IN THE CASE. 17-YEAR-OLD RYLAN FUCHS WAS SHOT ON HIS FRONT PORCH. POLICE SAY THEY'RE WORKING PROMISING LEADS BUT AREN'T REVEALING ANY MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE 'PERSON OF INTEREST' IN THE CASE.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 1/22/2009 REPORTED THAT OAKLAND POLICE CHIEF TUCKER'S RESIGNATION IS STRIKING A PERSONAL CHORD WITH ONE EAST BAY MOTHER. HER TWIN SONS WERE GUNNED DOWN ON THE STREETS OF OAKLAND, NINE YEARS AGO. NBC BAY AREA CHERYL HURD TALKED WITH HER TODAY, WHO SAYS THE CHIEF'S RESIGNATION IS LONG OVERDUE. LORRAIN TAYLOR SAYS SHE'S HAPPY OAKLAND POLICE CHIEF WAYNE TUCKER RESIGNED BECAUSE SHE LOST BOTH OF HER SONS TO GUN VIOLENCE IN FEBRUARY 2000. ALBADE AND OBADIAH WERE BOTH IN COLLEGE WORKING ON A CAREER WHEN A MAN OPENED FIRE ON THEM IN A DIAMOND DISTRICT PARKING LOT. SHE SAYS THEY WERE NOT INVOLVED IN DRUGS OR GANGS. TAYLOR IS NOT HAPPY WITH THE WAY THE POLICE DEPARTMENT HANDLED THE CASE. THE POLICE OFFICER HANDLING THE CASE AT THE TIME SAYS THERE WERE NO EYE WITNESSES. EVEN THOUGH TUCKER WAS NOT THE CHIEF AT THE TIME, TAYLOR BLAMES TUCKER FOR ALL THE CURRENT VIOLENCE ON THE STREETS OF OAKLAND. TAYLOR HELPED START THE GROUP ONE THOUSAND MOTHERS TO PREVENT VIOLENCE. SHE SAYS SO MUCH WORK NEEDS TO BE DONE.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA NEWS 6:00PM-7:00PM 01/27/09 REPORTED THAT THE TINY OCTUPLETS BORN YESTERDAY IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA, ARE DOING WELL TONIGHT, BUT DOCTORS SAY THEY STILL HAVE A LONG WAY TO GO. THE SIX BOYS AND TWO GIRLS ARE THE SECOND SET OF OCTUPLETS EVER DELIVERED ALIVE IN THE U.S. NO PICTURES OF THE CHILDREN HAVE BEEN

RELEASED AND THEY HAVEN'T BEEN NAMED YET, SO THE STAFF ASSIGNED THEM LETTERS IN THE MEANTIME. DOCTORS SAY THE MOTHER WAS GIVEN AN EPIDURAL FOR PAIN DURING THE CAESARIAN DELIVERY A TEAM OF NEARLY 50 PEOPLE HELPED DELIVER THE BABIES.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA NEWS 6:00PM-7:00PM 01/27/09 REPORTED THAT WOULD YOU PAY 150-THOUSAND DOLLARS TO REPLACE ONE? THAT'S WHAT NINA AND EDGAR OTTO DID, AFTER THEIR BELOVED YELLOW LAB, LANCELOT, DIED LAST YEAR. TODAY AT THE AIRPORT THEY MET HIS CLONE NAMED LANCELOT ENCORE. THE DELIVERY MAN WHO BROUGHT HIM FIRST-CLASS FROM SOUTH KOREA WAS THE MARIN COUNTY PRESIDENT OF BIO-ARTS, A BAY AREA FIRM WHICH WORKS WITH THE KOREAN LABORATORY. NOW THAT'S A SPECIAL DELIVERY.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA NEWS 6:00PM-7:00PM 01/27/09 REPORTED THAT OAKLAND'S POLICE CHIEF IS STEPPING DOWN. THAT'S ONE OF TONIGHT'S TOP STORIES. WAYNE TUCKER SAYS THE POLICE DEPARTMENT ISN'T GETTING THE SUPPORT IT NEEDS FROM THE CITY COUNCIL, WHICH OPENLY COMPLAINED TUCKER WASN'T GETTING RESULTS. TUCKER PLANS TO STAY ON THE JOB THROUGH FEBRUARY. NO WORD YET ON HIS REPLACEMENT.

NBC BAY AREA, BAY AREA VISTA, 3:30 PM 1/27/2009 FEATURED AN INTERVIEW WITH GABE BISER, SEXUAL ABUSE SURVIVOR, AND JEN ADLER, VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR FOR THE YWCA SILICON VALLEY RAPE CRISIS CENTER. GABE WAS ONLY 12 YEARS WHEN HE WAS FIRST MOLESTED AND THE MAN WHO ABUSED HIM WAS A FAMILY FRIEND, BUT GABE DIDN'T WANT COME FORWARD WITH THE TRUTH, BECAUSE HE FELT NO ONE WOULD BELIEVE HIM. EVENTUALLY, GABE BUILT UP ENOUGH COURAGE, TOLD HIS PARENTS ABOUT HIS ABUSE, AND THEY AUTOMATICALLY CONTACTED THE POLICE. HE AND HIS PARENTS BEGAN TO CONTACT DIFFERENT AGENCIES AND HOTLINES, YET MOST OF THEM TURNED HIM AWAY BECAUSE THEY DIDN'T WANT TO GET INVOLVED WITH HIS MALE SEXUAL ABUSE CASE. HOWEVER, ONE OF THE FEW HELPFUL AGENCIES WAS THE YWCA, WHERE HE FIRST MET JEN ADLER, HIS COUNSELER; THE Y.W.C.A. HAS AN EXCELLENT RAPE CRISIS HOTLINE WHICH IS OPEN FOR 24HRS A DAY, 7 DAYS A WEEK. JEN MENTIONED THAT THE YWCA'S PROGRAM IS SETUP TO EMPOWER SEXUAL ABUSE VICTIMS BY EDUCATING, SUPPORTING, AND COUNSELING VICTIMS, AND BY HELPING THEM TO NETWORK WITH LEGAL ADVOCACIES. CURRENTLY, GABE'S ABDUCTOR IS IN JAIL AND GABE IS SATISFIED BECAUSE HE DOESN'T WISH ANYONE ELSE TO BE SEXUAL ABUSED BY THIS GUY.

NBC BAY AREA, BAY AREA VISTA, 3:30PM 1/27/2009 FEATURED AN INTERVIEW WITH JOEY PICETLLI, COORDINATOR OF THE SURVIVORS NETWORK OF THOSE ABUSED BY PRIESTS. HE WAS ALSO A FORMER ALTAR BOY, AND WAS AWARDED 600,000 DOLLARS BECAUSE HE SUED A RICHMOND SCHOOL VICE-PRINCIPAL WHO SEXUALLY ABUSED HIM DURING THE YEARS OF 1969-1971. IT WAS HARD FOR JOEY TO TELL HIS KIDS ABOUT HIS ABUSE, BUT OVER TIME HE EXPLAINED TO THEM WHAT HAPPENED TO HIM. A FEW YEARS AGO, JOEY JOINED THE ORGANIZATION S.N.A.P., OR THE SURVIVOR'S NETWORK FOR THOSE ABUSED PEOPLE, AND THEIR MISSION IS TO INTERNALLY HEAL AND PROTECT ABUSE VICTIMS. THE ORGANIZATION ALSO ATTEMPTS TO REMOVE SEXUALLY ABUSIVE PREISTS FROM THEIR MINISTRY, YET IT IS VERY CHALLENGING TO PROVE SEXUAL ABUSE

BECAUSE SOME PREISES HAVN'T BEEN CONVCTED BEFORE, AND MOST VICTIMS ARE TOO SCARED TO SPEAK OUT ABOUT THEIR ABUSE.

NBC BAY AREA, BAY AREA VISTA, 3:30PM 1/27/2009 FEATURED AN INTERVIEW AND PERFORMANCE WITH PILAR, A SINGER, SONGWRITER, AND TEACHER WHOM WAS CONSTANTLY ABUSED FROM THE AGES OF 2-9 YEARS OLD. IN ORDER TO DEAL WITH HER DRAMATIC ABUSE SHE MENTIONED SHE "LEFT THE PHYSICAL WORLD" AND TRIED TO HAVE OTHER STATES OF CONCIOUSNESS. SHE HAD TO FIND RESOURCES INSIDE HERSELF IN ORDER TO SURVIVE AND THRIVE AS A PERSON. SINCE CHILDHOOD, PILAR HAS ALWAYS PERFORMED HER MUSIC, YET IN 1980 SHE STOPPED PERFORMING BECAUSE SHE HAD TO HEAL AS A PERSON AND OVERCOME HER DAILY STRUGGLES OF THINKING ABOUT HER ABUSE. AS SHE BECAME OLDER, PILAR WAS ABLE TO HEAL HERSELF, AS SHE STRIVED TO BE AS JUBILANT OFF STAGE, AS SHE WAS ON STAGE PERFORMING. PILAR GAVE THREE SUGGESTIONS ON HOW TO OVERCOME THE HEARTACHE OF SEXUAL ABUSE. 1: ABUSE VICTIMS HAVE TO UNDERSTAND THAT THEY CANNOT HEAL THEMSELEVES WITHOUT SOLITUDE, 2: THEY NEED SUPPORT AND NEED TO UNDERSTAND IT TAKES TIME TO BECOME HAPPIER, AND 3: NEVER GIVE UP YOUR SEXUAL "YUM".

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 02/09/09 REPORTED THAT A BEVERLY HILLS FERTILITY CLINIC IS UNDER SCRUTINY TONIGHT FOR HELPING A WOMAN, WHO ALREADY HAD SIX CHILDREN AT HOME BECOME PREGNANT WITH OCTUPLETS. THE STATE MEDICAL BOARD IS INVESTIGATING WHETHER THE CLINIC BROKE ACCEPTED GUIDELINES. TONIGHT, NBC BAY AREA'S LEANNE GREGG GIVES US THE FIRST LOOK AT THE EIGHT NEW BABIES. 33-YEAR OLD NADYA SULEMAN AND HER NEWBORN BABIES ADDED TO HER LARGE FAMILY IS A DREAM COME TRUE. SULEMAN WAS AN ONLY CHILD AND NOW WITH THE BIRTH OF HER OCTUPLETS, IS THE MOTHER OF 14 CHILDREN. REPRODUCTIVE PROBLEMS RESULTED IN A NUMBER OF FAILED PREGNANCY ATTEMPTS AND MISCARRIAGES. THEN NADYA TURNED TO IN-VITRO FERTILIZATION. HER FAMILY GREW TO SIX CHILDREN. SHE HAD SIX REMAINING FERTILIZED EMBRYOS AND WANTED TO IMPLANT ALL OF THEM. A DOCTOR AT THE WEST COAST I-V-F CLINIC IN BEVERLY HILLS AGREED TO DO IT AND NOW A DECISION THAT'S PROMPTED QUESTIONS. THE RESULT WAS NOT ONE, BUT TWO SETS OF TWINS AND A TOTAL OF 8 BABIES. AN UNEMPLOYED, SINGLE MOTHER WHO HAS NO HOUSE OF HER OWN, NADYA SAYS EVEN THOUGH SHE HAS STRUGGLED TO CARE FOR HER SIX CHILDREN, SOMEHOW SHE WILL MANAGE. SULEMAN'S MOTHER, WHO'S HELPING CARE FOR THE WOMAN'S SIX OLDER CHILDREN, CALLED HER DAUGHTER'S ACTIONS "UNCONSCIONABLE." DURING AN INTERVIEW WITH RADAR-ON-LINE DOT COM, ANGELA SULEMAN SAID NADYA'S BOYFRIEND IS THE BIOLOGICAL FATHER OF ALL 14 CHILDREN, BUT THAT SHE REFUSED TO MARRY HIM.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 02/09/09 REPORTED THAT GOLFING'S GREATEST TIGER WOODS NOW HAS A SON TO FOLLOW IN HIS FOOTSTEPS. WOODS ANNOUNCED THE BIRTH OF HIS FIRST SON ON HIS WEBSITE THIS MORNING. "CHARLIE AXEL WOODS" WAS BORN YESTERDAY. TIGER SAYS HE AND HIS WIFE ARE THRILLED AND HIS ONE AND A HALF YEAR OLD DAUGHTER,

SAM, IS VERY EXCITED TO BE A BIG SISTER. THEY ARE NOT RELEASING PICTURES YET.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 02/09/09 REPORTED THAT AS A PARENT YOU HOPE YOUR KIDS ARE ACTUALLY LISTENING WHEN YOU ARE TEACHING THEM ABOUT WHAT TO DO IN AN EMERGENCY. NBC BAY AREA'S CHARLOTTE FADIPE REPOED THE STORY OF AN ACTIVE FOUR YEAR OLD BOY, DAVID MATHERS WHO IS A SUPERHERO TO HIS MOM AND HIS QUICK THINKING SAVED HER LIFE! IT ALL HAPPENED LAST FRIDAY WHEN DAVID MADE A 9-1-1 CALL. KATIE WAS COOKING DINNER FOR DAVID AND HIS 18 MONTH OLD SISTER BRANDLYN WHEN SHE BEGAN FEELING NAUSEOUS. SHE HIT HER HEAD ON THE FLOOR, AND LAY HELPLESS. DAVID SHOWED US THE BATHROOM WHERE IT HAPPENED AND HOW HE RAN FOR THE PHONE AND PUSHED THOSE ALL IMPORTANT NUMBERS THAT CONNECTED HIM TO DISPATCHERS. THEN HE AND HIS SISTER WATCHED TV AND WAITED FOR THE PARAMEDICS TO ARRIVE. KATIE SAID THAT SHE HAD AN ALLERGIC REACTION TO MEDICINE SHE HAD TAKEN THAT DAY AND IS GRATEFUL SHE TAUGHT HER SON WHAT TO IN AN EMERGENCY. 4-YEAR OLD DAVID HAS SEVERAL RELATIVES WHO ARE FIREFIGHTERS WHICH IS WHAT DAVID SAYS HE WANTS TO BE WHEN HE GROWS UP.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 02/09/09 REPORTED THAT A 12-YEAR OLD SAN PABLO BOY IS BEING CALLED A HERO TONIGHT. WHEN A FIRE STARTED AT A FOUR UNIT BUILDING ON FILLMORE STREET AROUND ONE THIS MORNING. THE YOUNG BOY ESCAPED HIS FAMILY'S APARTMENT, ONLY TO RUN BACK UPSTAIRS. HE STARTED BANGING ON HIS NEIGHBOR'S DOORS AND SHOUTING THAT THERE WAS A FIRE. 10 PEOPLE WERE DISPLACED, AND MANY SAY THEY WERE ASLEEP WHEN THEY HEARD HIS KNOCKS. POLICE HAVE ARRESTED A FORMER RESIDENT ON ARSON CHARGES.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 02/18/09 REPORTED THAT A MARINE FROM TRACY HAS BEEN KILLED IN AFGHANISTAN. SERGEANT DANIEL HANSEN DIED ON SATURDAY IN AFGANISTAN'S FARAH PROVINCE. THE 24-YEAR-OLD WAS STATIONED WITH THE MARINE EXPEDITIONARY FORCE IN JAPAN. GOVERNOR SCHWARZENEGGER EXTENDED HIS CONDOLENCES TO HANSEN'S FAMILY. FLAGS AT THE STATE CAPITOL WILL BE FLOWN AT HALF-STAFF IN HANSEN'S HONOR.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 02/18/09 REPORTED THAT FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS ARE BEING MADE FOR A BAY AREA FATHER OF FOUR KILLED IN IRAQ. 41-YEAR-OLD SEAN DIAMOND, AN ARMY STAFF SARGEANT, WAS KILLED ON SUNDAY. A ROADSIDE BOMB BLEW UP NEAR HIS VEHICLE IN SALAM. DIAMOND GREW UP IN THE EAST BAY AND MOST RECENTLY LIVED IN DUBLIN. HIS WIFE AND CHILDREN MOVED TO FORT LEWIS, WASHINGTON WHERE SERGEANT DIAMOND WAS BASED WITH THE 610-TH ENGINEER SUPPORT COMPANY. HIS YOUNGER BROTHER SAYS THE FAMILY IS DEVESTATED. STAFF SERGEANT DIAMOND WAS HONORED WITH THE BRONZE STAR FOR BRAVERY. HE WAS SET TO COME HOME IN JUST A MONTH.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 02/18/09 REPORTED THAT SAN FRANCISCO MAYOR GAVIN NEWSOM AND HIS WIFE ACTRESS JENNIFER SIEBEL ARE EXPECTING, ADDING A THIRD MEMBER TO THEIR FAMILY. THE

MAYOR'S OFFICE RELEASED A STATEMENT LATE THIS AFTERNOON, SAYING, QUOTE, "WE ARE PLEASED TO CONFIRM THAT MAYOR GAVIN NEWSOM AND FIRST LADY JENNIFER SIÈBEL NEWSOM ARE STARTING A FAMILY. THE MAYOR AND THE FIRST LADY ARE THRILLED TO BE EMBARKING ON THIS ADVENTURE TOGETHER, AND THEY APPRECIATE YOUR GOOD WISHES."

NBC BAY AREA, BAY AREA VISTA, 3:30PM-4:00PM 2/22/2009 FEATURED AN INTERVIEW WITH DARNISHA BISHOP, ASSOCIATE PUBLICIST FOR CINEQUEST FILM FESTIVAL AND DANA NACHMAN CO-DIRECTOR AND CO-PRODUCER OF "WITCH HUNT." DARNISHA BISHOP DESCRIBED THE FESTIVAL AS A CELEBRATION OF MAVERICKS. THE FESTIVAL SHOWS 200 FILMS AND THE THEME FOR THIS YEAR IS "TRANSFORMATION." BISHOP SAID THAT THE FILMS AND EVENTS ARE SUPPOSED TO CHANGE PEOPLE AND HOW THEY THINK AND FEEL ABOUT LIFE IN GENERAL. THERE ARE SEVERAL FAMOUS WRITERS AND ACTORS SUPPORTING THE FESTIVAL (WRITER OF JUNO AND KEVIN POLLOCK PRESENTING A COMEDY ROUTING ABOUT THE TRANSFORMATION OF HIS CAREER.) DANA NACHMAN DESCRIBED HER EXPERIENCE AS A JOURNALIST AND HOW SHE WAS INSPIRED TO CREATE A DOCUMENTARY ENTITLED "WITCH HUNT." NACHMAN SAID THE DOCUMENTARY FOCUSES ON CASES OF WRONGFUL CONVICTIONS FOR CHILD MOLESTATION. NACHMAN WORKED ON SEVERAL STORIES ABOUT JOHN STOLL. NACHMAN FOUND OUT THAT STOLL'S CONVICTION WAS JUST ONE OF MANY TO HAPPEN IN THE TOWN OF BAKERSFIELD DEALING WITH CHILD MOLESTATION. A CLIP FROM "WITCH HUNT" WAS SHOWN WHICH DISCUSSED SEVERAL CONVICTION CASES. BRENDA KNIFFEN WAS ONE WOMAN WHO WAS CONVICTED OF SEVENTY CHILD MOLESTATION ACCOUNTS. IN CLOSING, NACHMAN SAID THE DOCUMENTARY WILL BE SHOWN AT THE CINEQUEST FILM FESTIVAL AND SHE IS EXCITED TO SHARE THESE INNOCENT PEOPLE'S STORIES.

NBC BAY AREA, BAY AREA VISTA, 3:30 PM-4:00PM 2/22/2009 FEATURED AN INTERVIEW WITH KATHLEEN "COOKIE" RIDOLFI, DIRECTOR OF NOTHERN CALIFORNIA INNOCENCE PROJECT AND DANA NACHMAN CO-DIRECTOR AND CO-PRODUCER OF "WITCH HUNT." RIDOLFI DESCRIBED THE INNOCENCE PROJECT AS A WAY TO PUT ATTENTION ON CASES OF PEOPLE WHO WERE WRONGFULLY CONVICTED. RIDOLFI SAID THE IMPORTANCE OF THE WORK IS THAT BY PUTTING ATTENTION ON CASES, IT CAN MAKE A LIFE ALTERING DIFFERENCE. RIDOLFI SAID WHEN YOU WIN A CASE IT'S A REMARKABLE THING BUT ITS DIFFICULT TO THE CONVINC THE COURT AND PROVE PEOPLE'S INNOCENCE. RIDOLFI ALSO SAID DNA CASES WERE THE BEST CASES IN THE WORLD BECAUSE THEY ARE THE EASIEST TO PROVE. DANA NACHMAN DESCRIBED HER FILM "WITCH HUNT." NACHMAN SAID THAT IT WAS REALY HARD TO GET HER FILM NOTICED IN THE INDUSTRY BUT SHE WAS VERY HAPPY TO BE AT CINEQUEST. NACHMAN SAID THE FILM HAS MADE A BIG IMPACT ON THE PEOPLE IN THE FILM WHO ARE ABLE TO SHARE WITH AUDIENCES WHO BELIEVE IN THEM. RIDOLFI CLOSED BY STATING HOW THE PROJECT HAS MADE SUCH A DIFFERENCE FOR INNOCENT PEOPLE AND THE IMPORTANCE THAT THE PROJECT PLACES ON THIS ISSUE.

NBC BAY AREA, BAY AREA VISTA, 3:30 2/22/2009 FEATURED AN INTERVIEW WITH CHRIS DISALVO, PRODUCER OF UNIQUE LIVES AND EXPERIENCES. DISALVO DESCRIBED THE FOURTH ANNUAL SERIES AS AN EXCITING YEAR WITH GREAT WOMEN. GLORIA STEINEM, CAROL BURNETT, MARLEE MATLIN AND MADELINE ALBRIGHT WILL BE THIS YEARS SERIES. DISALVO SAID THAT WHILE MOST OF THESE WOMEN ARE CELEBRITIES THEY ARE REAL PEOPLE JUST LIKE YOU AND ME. DISALVO SAID IT IS INTERESTING MEET THESE WOMEN BECAUSE SOME ARE DOWN TO EARTH AND OTHERS ARE VERY DIFFERENT PERSONALITIES OFF STAGE. THE SERIES ALLOWS POWERFUL WOMEN TO SHARE THEIR REAL LIFE EXPERIENCES WITH A LARGE AUDIENCE.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 11:00-11:30PM 03/17/2009 REPORTED THAT A CHAOTIC SCENE IN ORANGE COUNTY AS THROGS OF CAMERAS, REPORTERS AND NEIGHBORS SWARMED THE HOME OF OCTUPLET MOM NADYA SULEMAN. SULEMAN'S CAR WAS MOBBED AS SHE BROUGHT HOME TWO OF HER EIGHT NEWBORNS. THE HOMECOMING SPARKED MAYHEM ON THE STREETS OF LA HABRA. THAT'S SOME 23 MILES OUTSIDE OF LA WHERE SULEMAN AND HER 14 KIDS WILL ALL EVENTUALLY LIVE. THE DISCHARGED BABIES ARE NOAH ANGEL AND ISAIAH ANGEL. NO WORD YET ON WHEN THE OTHER BABIES WILL BE RELEASED FROM THE HOSPITAL.

NBC BAY AREA, COMUNIDAD DEL VALLE, 3:00 PM, 1/25/09 FEATURED AN INTERVIEW WITH THE FAMILY SERVICE AGENCY OF SAN MATEO COUNTY. LAURIE WISHARD TALKS ABOUT HOW THE AGENCY HAS HELPED OVER 19,000 FAMILIES BECOME SELF-SUFFICIENT. ONE OF THEIR PROGRAMS IS A LOAN PROGRAM CALLED "WAYS TO WORK." ONE SUCH FAMILY THE AGENCY HAS HELPED IS ANGELA AND CELINA VARGAS' FAMILY. ANGELA EXPLAINS HOW THE AGENCY HELPED THEM BY HELPING THEM GET A CAR LOAN AND ALSO PERMANENT HOUSING. SHE IS THUS ABLE TO HAVE TRANSPORTATION THAT TAKES HER TO SCHOOL AND ALSO WORK. ANGELA AND CELINA ARE VERY GRATEFUL FOR THE AGENCY'S LOAN PROGRAM. DESPITE THE CURRENT HARD ECONOMIC TIMES, THE AGENCY IS ABLE TO CONTINUE LENDING MONEY TO WORKING FAMILIES WHO LIVE IN SAN MATEO COUNTY WHO HAVE CHILDREN. FOR MORE INFO, VISIT WWW.FAMILYSERVICEAGENCY.ORG.

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NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 1/8/2009 REPORTED THAT TWO LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES ARE REPORTING THEFTS FROM THEIR PATROL VEHICLES. A RIFLE AND MORE THAN A HUNDRED ROUNDS OF AMMUNITION ARE MISSING FROM A CHP CAR, PARKED IN A LOCKED LOT IN RICHMOND. THE THEFT HAPPENED ABOUT THE SAME TIME SEVERAL ASSAULT RIFLES WERE STOLEN FROM SHERIFF'S CARS IN MARTINEZ. NO ONE IS SAYING WHETHER THE CRIMES ARE LINKED. YESTERDAY POLICE SERVED A SEARCH WARRANT ON A WEST OAKLAND HOME, BUT DIDN'T RECOVER THE GUNS OR MAKE ANY ARRESTS.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 1/8/2009 REPORTED THAT

POLICE HAVE IDENTIFIED THE MAN WHOSE BODY WAS STUFFED INTO A CONTAINER AND SET ON FIRE IN A BERKELEY PARK LAST MONTH. 48-YEAR-OLD PETER WHIGHAM LIVED IN SAN JOSE AT ONE TIME, BUT MOST RECENTLY WAS FROM RICHMOND. POLICE HAVEN'T YET DISCLOSED A POSSIBLE MOTIVE, BUT THEY SAY HIS WHITE CHEVROLET VAN AND HIS DOG ARE MISSING FROM HIS HOME.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 1/8/2009 REPORTED THAT ALAMEDA COUNTY'S DA NOW SAYS IT WILL TAKE AT LEAST TWO-WEEKS TO GATHER THE EVIDENCE NEEDED THAT WILL DECIDE WHETHER TO PROSECUTE A FORMER BART OFFICER IN THE NEW YEAR'S DAY KILLING OF OSCAR GRANT. MAYOR RON DELLUMS VOLUNTEERED THE RESOURCES OF THE OAKLAND POLICE DEPARTMENT TO HELP WITH THE DA'S INVESTIGATION. TODAY THE FAMILY OF THE MAN WHO WAS KILLED BY A BART POLICE OFFICER URGED AN END TO THE VIOLENCE THAT BROKE OUT LAST NIGHT. THEIR MESSAGE CAME IN A NEWS CONFERENCE ARRANGED BY THEIR ATTORNEY, CIVIL RIGHTS LAWYER, JOHN BURISS. GRANT'S FAMILY SAYS NOT ONLY WOULD VICTIM OSCAR GRANT NOT HAVE WANTED SUCH A DISPLAY, THEY ALSO BELIEVE THE VIOLENCE IS NOT HELPING THEIR CAUSE AND THEIR CASE THE BASIS OF WHICH IS UNNECESSARY VIOLENCE. FOR THE FIRST TIME ALAMEDA DISTRICT ATTORNEY TOM ORLOFF SPOKE PUBLICLY ABOUT THE CASE.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 1/13/2009 REPORTED THAT EL TYNA MC CREE'S BUSINESS IS ONE OF SOME 40 DOWNTOWN BUSINESS VANDALIZED IN LAST WEEKS UNREST IN THE STREETS. SHE'S WORRIED ABOUT WHAT MIGHT HAPPEN TOMORROW. 17TH STREET IN OAKLAND RECEIVED THE MOST DAMAGE WHEN PROTESTERS GOT ANGRY OVER THE FATAL SHOOTING OF OSCAR GRANT. PROTESTERS SAY THEY WANT NOW FORMER BART POLICE OFFICER JOANN MESERLEE ARRESTED AND CHARGED WITH MURDER. TOMORROW'S RALLY IS ORGANIZED BY THE COALITION AGAINST POLICE EXECUTIONS OR CAPE. THEY SAY EVEN THOUGH THEY WANT JUSTICE THEY ARE DETERMINED TO MAKE THIS RALLY PEACEFUL AND ORGANIZERS ARE DOING THAT WITH THE HELP OF THE OAKLAND POLICE DEPARTMENT. NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 1/13/2009 REPORTED THAT THE MANHUNT CONTINUES FOR A SOUTH BAY MAN, WHO TRIGGERED A STATEWIDE AMBER ALERT. HIGHWAY SIGNS LIT UP AFTER ELEVEN THIS MORNING. POLICE SAY 24 YEAR-OLD MARK PORTER PICKED UP HIS DAUGHTER FROM SCHOOL. PORTER DOES NOT HAVE LEGAL CUSTODY OF THE EIGHT YEAR OLD. INVESTIGATORS SAY AFTER HEARING THE AMBER ALERT HIMSELF, PORTER CALLED HIS MOTHER. THEY MET ON CAMDEN AVENUE, WHERE WITNESSES SAY THE TWO ARGUED, AFTER HE TURNED THE GIRL OVER. POLICE SAY PORTER IS FIVE-FEET, SEVEN INCHES TALL, WEIGHING ABOUT 180 POUNDS. PORTER WAS LAST SEEN DRIVING A BLACK CHEVY LICENSE PLATE NUMBER 3-V-L-S-1-4-2.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 1/13/2009 REPORTED THAT THE WILDFIRES IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA LAST YEAR, HAD MORE AND MORE HOMEOWNERS DECIDING NOT TO EVACUATE, AND TRY TO SAVE THEIR HOMES. NOW, FIREFIGHTERS ARE WORKING ON STAY AND DEFEND PROGRAMS, TO HELP HOMEOWNERS MAKE THE RIGHT DECISION.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00 PM 01/14/2009 REPORTED JOHANNES MEHSERLE BEGAN HIS DAY IN A NEVADA JAIL FOLLOWING HIS ARREST LAST NIGHT ON A MURDER CHARGE. RIGHT NOW, THE FORMER BART POLICE OFFICER IS AT THE SANTA RITA JAIL IN DUBLIN, WHERE HE ARRIVED LATE THIS AFTERNOON. EARLIER TODAY, HE WAS IN COURT FOR JUST ABOUT FIVE MINUTES. WHERE HE WAIVED EXTRADITION. MEHSERLE'S ATTORNEY SAYS HIS CLIENT WAS A GOOD OFFICER WITH A CLEAN RECORD. BUT MANY PEOPLE ARE WONDERING WHY HE LEFT CALIFORNIA, AND WHERE HE WAS STAYING UNTIL HIS ARREST LAST NIGHT. NBC BAY AREA'S MIKE LUERY HAD A LIVE REPORT VIAT THE WEB FROM MINDEN, NEVADA.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM 01/14/2009 REPORTED THAT DENNIS LUCA HAD A STINT IN INTERNAL AFFAIRS FOR SAN JOSE POLICE. HE INVESTIGATED ACCIDENTAL DISCHARGES OF A GUN BY AN OFFICER. IN HIS PROFESSIONAL OPINION AS A LAWYER NOW, LUCA QUESTIONS THE MURDER CHARGE. HE'S SEEN THE HOME VIDEO ON TV. NOW, DEFENSE LAWYER, DENNIS LUCA SAYS IT'S GOING TO BE DIFFICULT FOR THE ALAMEDA COUNTY DA TO PROVE MURDER. LUCA CONCEDES HE DOESN'T HAVE ACCESS TO BALLISTICS REPORTS, OR WITNESS INTERVIEWS. BUT THE FORMER COP SAYS THIS VIDEO SHOWS THE SHOOTING COULD HAVE BEEN ACCIDENTAL. BUT AN ACCIDENTAL DISCHARGE CAN STILL BE A CRIME. IT'S STILL A HOMICIDE, BUT NOT NECESSARILY MURDER. AS HIS LAWYER, LUCA SAYS HE TOO WOULD RECOMMEND MEHSERLE NOT TALK TO INVESTIGATORS, WHICH IS HIS RIGHT UNDER THE FIFTH AMENDMENT. THE SHOOTING HAPPENED MILES FROM DOWNTOWN SAN JOSE, BUT MANY HERE HAVE SEEN THE SAME VIDEO. SOME WONDER IF A MURDER CHARGE IS TOO MUCH. THE DA IS NOT IDENTIFYING A FIRST OR SECOND DEGREE MURDER CHARGE FOR MEHSERLE. FIRST DEGREE GETS YOU 25-TO-LIFE. 15-TO-LIFE FOR SECOND DEGREE. AND VOLUNTARY MANSLAUGHTER CAN BRING UP TO 11 YEARS IN PRISON. WITH A POSSIBLE GUN ENHANCEMENT, ALL THOSE SENTENCES COULD INCREASE.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 01/14/2009 REPORTED THAT THE SAN FRANCISCO CHRONICLE REPORTS JOHANNES MEHSERLE WAS INVOLVED IN ANOTHER CONFRONTATION JUST 6 WEEKS BEFORE THE DEADLY BART SHOOTING, WHERE HE'S ACCUSED OF ROUGHING SOMEONE UP. AN OAKLAND MAN WHO WAS BOOKED FOR RESISTING ARREST SAYS THE FORMER BART OFFICER AND THREE OTHERS BEAT HIM UP, BINDING HIS ARMS AND LEGS, AND CAUSING FACE AND CHEST BRUISES. THE MAN TOLD THE CHRONICLE MEHSERLE HAD A " YOU CAN'T TOUCH ME ATTITUDE". A BART SPOKESMAN SAYS THE MAN HAS NOT FILED A FORMAL COMPLAINT OF POLICE ABUSE AGAINST BART, AND HE QUESTIONED THE TIMING AND MOTIVATION OF THE MAN COMING FORWARD.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 01/14/2009 REPORTED THAT FORMER BART POLICE OFFICER JOHANNES MEHSERLE IS AT THE SANTA RITA JAIL IN DUBLIN TONIGHT FACING MURDER CHARGES FOR THE DEATH OF OSCAR GRANT. HE WAS ARRESTED LAST NIGHT IN NEVADA, WHERE HE WAS STAYING AT A FRIEND'S HOUSE. MEHSERLE STARTED THE DAY IN MINDEN, NEVADA, WHERE HE APPEARED IN COURT FOR ABOUT FIVE MINUTES AND WAIVED EXTRADITION. ALAMEDA DISTRICT ATTORNEY TOM ORLOFF ALSO SAID THE VIDEO EVIDENCE IS VERY POWERFUL. WHEN IT CAME TO DECIDING THE CHARGE. LEGAL EXPERTS

SAY THE BIG ISSUE WILL LIKELY BE MEHSERLE'S STATE OF MIND AT THE TIME OF THE SHOOTING.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 1/19/09 REPORTED THAT SEVERAL OAKLAND POLICE OFFICERS ARE RECOVERING TONIGHT AFTER TWO PATROL CARS COLLIDED DURING A CHASE. THE COLLISION HAPPENED JUST BEFORE ONE P.M. ON THE CORNER OF 16TH AND PERALTA ON THE CITY'S WEST SIDE. POLICE SAY THE OFFICERS WERE CHASING A STOLEN VEHICLE THROUGH WEST OAKLAND. IT ISN'T CLEAR HOW FAST THE POLICE CARS WERE GOING. FIVE OFFICERS WERE INJURED. NONE OF THE INJURIES IS LIFE THREATENING, BUT THEY WERE ALL TAKEN TO A HOSPITAL. POLICE ARE STILL LOOKING FOR A STOLEN VAN. THAT CRASH HAPPENED JUST BLOCKS AWAY FROM A MARCH AND RALLY IN MEMORY OF OSCAR GRANT. THE 22-YEAR-OLD WAS SHOT AND KILLED BY A BART POLICE OFFICER ON NEW YEARS DAY. THAT SHOOTING SPARKED A MOVEMENT ON THE STREETS OF OAKLAND.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 1/19/09 REPORTED THAT POLICE ON THE PENINSULA ARE LOOKING FOR SUSPECTS IN A POSSIBLE ROAD-RAGE SHOOTING THAT LEFT THREE PEOPLE HURT. A WHITE COROLLA AND A GRAY ACCORD DRIVING SOUTHBOUND ON 101 IN SAN FRANCISCO GOT INTO SOME KIND OF ALTERCATION. WHEN THEY REACHED BRISBANE, SOMEONE IN THE COROLLA OPENED FIRE. THREE OF THE FOUR MEN INSIDE THE ACCORD WERE HIT, INCLUDING THE DRIVER. POLICE SAY THEY'RE ALL EXPECTED TO SURVIVE. THE VICTIMS SAY THEY DID NOT KNOW THE SUSPECTS AND THAT THEY DIDN'T KNOW WHAT STARTED THE ALTERCATION.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 1/19/09 REPORTED THAT SAN JOSE POLICE ARE SEARCHING FOR THE HIT AND RUN DRIVER WHO STRUCK AN 80-YEAR OLD WOMAN LEAVING CHURCH. IT HAPPENED THIS MORNING ON SENTER ROAD. POLICE SAY THE DRIVER GOT OUT OF HIS CAR, MOVED THE WOMAN'S BODY, AND THEN DROVE AWAY. THE VICTIM IS IN THE HOSPITAL ON LIFE SUPPORT. POLICE DESCRIBE THE CAR AS A DARK GREEN HONDA SEDAN.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 1/19/09 REPORTED THAT VARSITY BASKETBALL COACH, DARIN ZANDERS, SAYS IT HURTS TO SEE THE BEATING ONE OF HIS PLAYERS HAD TO ENDURE. 17 YEAR OLD BRYANT LEE WAS SAVAGELY BEATEN ON THE JESSE BETHEL HIGH SCHOOL GROUNDS AS HE WAITED FOR BASKETBALL PRACTICE LAST THURSDAY. THE SCHOOL'S NEWLY INSTALLED SURVEILLANCE CAMERAS CAPTURED THE BEATING. FOR MANY, THE BEATING HAS HIGHLIGHTED THE NEED FOR MORE SECURITY ON CAMPUS. BUT LACK OF RESOURCES HAS MEANT FEWER OFFICERS AT VALLEJO SCHOOLS, NOT MORE. THE SCHOOL POLICE FORCE HAS BEEN CUT BY HALF, AND COME MARCH, VALLEJO POLICE SAY THEY WON'T HAVE ANY OFFICERS ASSIGNED TO CAMPUSES AT ALL. DISTRICT OFFICIALS SAY THEY ARE LOOKING AT OTHER WAYS TO KEEP STUDENTS SAFE, INCLUDING HIRING PRIVATE SECURITY OFFICERS. BUT FOR SOME, THE ASSURANCES AREN'T ENOUGH. ONE MAN SAID HE IS MOVING HIS FAMILY TO SUISUN. LEE REMAINS IN SERIOUS CONDITION.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 1/22/2009 REPORTED THAT

POLICE SAY THEY HAVE IDENTIFIED A PERSON OF INTEREST IN THE DEATH OF A DANVILLE TEEN WHO WAS GUNNED DOWN ON HIS FRONT PORCH. THEY WILL NOT RELEASE ANY DETAILS BUT THEY ARE INTERVIEWING A LARGE POOL OF WITNESSES.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 1/22/2009 REPORTED THAT A FOILED MURDER-FOR-HIRE PLOT HAS LANDED TWO BAY AREA MEN IN JAIL. DEONTE BENNETT AND EMERSON PORTILLO, BOTH 24-YEARS-OLD, ARE CHARGED WITH CONSPIRING TO KILL A 23-YEAR-OLD SAN FRANCISCO WOMAN. ACCORDING TO SAN FRANCISCO POLICE PORTILLO SENT BENNETT TO PICK UP THE WOMAN IN SOUTH SAN FRANCISCO. POLICE SAY BENNETT PUT A GUN TO HER HEAD, AND TOLD HER HE'D BEEN PAID 25-HUNDRED DOLLARS TO KILL HER AND WOULD RECEIVE MORE WHEN HE FINISHED THE JOB. POLICE SAY SHE OFFERED TO PAY BENNETT TO LET HER LIVE. SHE GAVE HIM 200- DOLLARS, AND HE WALKED AWAY. THIS ISN'T BENNETT'S FIRST RUN-IN WITH POLICE. HE WAS INDICTED FOR MURDER IN 2006 BUT NEVER WENT TO TRIAL AFTER THE STAR WITNESS WAS SHOT AND KILLED.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 1/22/2009 REPORTED THAT A CAR PULLED UP AND THEN THERE WAS A FLASH OF LIGHT. IT WAS AN EXPLOSION CAUGHT ON TAPE. THERE WAS A PAST ATTACK ON THE CIGARETTE STORE, AND, THIS MORNING, THERE WAS ANOTHER EXPLOSION AT SAME STORE. IT WAS A PLEASANT HILL POLICE OFFICER WHO FIRST NOTICED SOMETHING ODD AT 4:45 THIS MORNING. FIREFIGHTERS KNOCKED IT DOWN QUICKLY AND BEGAN SEARCHING FOR A CAUSE. POLICE HOPE THIS VIDEO CAN HELP CATCH THE VANDALS. WHETHER THE EXPLOSIONS ARE LINKED IS UNCLEAR, BUT THE OWNER, JOSE BANGA SAYS IT IS. HE IS SURE OF IT AS HE LOOKS AT THE DAMAGE. HE SAYS VANDALS HAVE TRIED TO SET FIRE TO HIS STORE 4 TIMES IN LESS THAN A YEAR.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 1/22/2009 REPORTED THAT THE MAN WHO REPRESENTS BARRY BONDS IS NOW THE NEW ATTORNEY FOR THE FORMER BART POLICE OFFICER, CHARGED WITH KILLING AN UNARMED HAYWARD MAN. WELL-KNOWN LAWYER MIKE RAINS IS REPRESENTING JOHANNES MEHSERLE. RAINS IS AN EXPERT POLICE LAWYER. HE SPECIALIZES IN DEFENDING POLICE OFFICERS ACCUSED OF MISCONDUCT. RAINS WAS THE LEAD ATTORNEY FOR FOUR OAKLAND COPS KNOWN AS 'THE RIDERS.' MEHSERLE WAS CHARGED WITH MURDERING OSCAR GRANT ON NEW YEAR'S DAY AND HE'S SCHEDULED TO BE BACK IN COURT NEXT WEEK.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA NEWS 6:00PM-7:00PM 01/27/09 REPORTED THAT A 16-YEAR OLD RICHMOND BOY, WHO ALLEGEDLY SHOT AND KILLED HIS FRIEND LAST WEEK, HAS BEEN CHARGED WITH INVOLUNTARY MANSLAUGHTER. THE BOY CLAIMED THE SHOOTING WAS AN ACCIDENT. IT HAPPENED IN A VACANT APARTMENT BUILDING, WHILE THE BOYS WERE APPARENTLY SUPPOSED TO BE IN SCHOOL.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 1/27/2009 REPORTED THAT IN THE EAST BAY, THERE WAS A FIRE AT A JUNKYARD IN RODEO, WHICH CREATED A LARGE PLUME OF SMOKE THAT COULD BE SEEN FOR MILES TODAY. WITHIN THE PAST HOUR, FIRE CREWS SAY THEY HAVE CONTAINED THE FLAMES. THE FIRE WAS REPORTED AROUND THREE O'CLOCK, AT THE PINOLE-RODEO AUTO

WRECKERS' COMPANY ON PARKER AVENUE. FIRE OFFICIALS SAY AT LEAST TWO-DOZEN CARS CAUGHT FIRE. HAZMAT CREWS ARE TAKING AIR QUALITY SAMPLES. BUT AT THIS POINT, OFFICIALS SAY PEOPLE DON'T NEED TO 'SHELTER IN PLACE'. AT THIS POINT, NO BUILDINGS HAVE BURNED AND NO INJURIES HAVE BEEN REPORTED. FIRE CREWS IN THE EAST BAY, ARE CLEANING UP TONIGHT, AFTER A FIRE AT AN AUTO JUNKYARD. THE FIRE WAS REPORTED AROUND THREE O'CLOCK, AT THE 'PINOLE-RODEO AUTO WRECKERS' COMPANY ON PARKER AVENUE. FIRE OFFICIALS SAY AT LEAST TWO-DOZEN CARS CAUGHT FIRE. HAZMAT CREWS TOOK AIR QUALITY SAMPLES, BUT DID NOT ISSUE A SHELTER IN PLACE ORDER. NO BUILDINGS WERE BURNED AND NO INJURIES REPORTED.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 1/27/2009 REPORTED THAT FACED WITH A SLEW OF SCANDALS AND NEGATIVE PRESS, NOT TO MENTION A FEW HOSTILE CITY LEADERS, OAKLAND'S POLICE CHIEF WAYNE TUCKER SAYS HE'S HAD ENOUGH. THE CHIEF SAYS HE WASN'T FIRED OR ASKED TO RESIGN, BUT AS NBC-BAY AREA'S JODI HERNANDEZ REPORTS, HIS RESIGNATION COMES AS MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL PLOTTED TO FORCE HIM OUT.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 1/27/2009 REPORTED THAT CIVIL RIGHTS ATTORNEY JOHN BURRIS SAYS HE'S CONCERNED ABOUT WAYNE TUCKER'S REPLACEMENT, COMING FROM INSIDE THE OAKLAND POLICE DEPARTMENT. BURRIS HAS SUED THE DEPARTMENT MANY TIMES, OVER ALLEGED POLICE MISCONDUCT AND HAS BEEN WORKING FOR SIX YEARS ON REFORMS. BURRIS IS CONCERNED ABOUT THE DEPARTMENT MAKING GOOD ON MANDATORY REFORMS. BURRIS HAS A LIST OF DEMANDS, INCLUDING A CITY WIDE SEARCH FOR TUCKER'S REPLACEMENT.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA NEWS 6:00PM-7:00PM 01/27/09 REPORTED THAT TODAY ILLINOIS LAWMAKERS HEARD FOR THE FIRST TIME SECRETLY TAPED RECORDINGS OF GOVERNOR ROD BLAGOJEVICH. A PROSECUTOR PLAYED THE TAPES AT THE GOVERNOR'S IMPEACHMENT TRIAL IN SPRINGFIELD TODAY. ONE TAPE, HE SAID, IS BLAGOJEVICH TALKING TO HIS BROTHER ABOUT GETTING AN ALLEGED BRIBE IN EXCHANGE FOR SIGNING A BILL, AND TRYING TO DO IT BEFORE NEW ETHICS RULES TOOK EFFECT. THE ILLINOIS SENATE IS EXPECTED TO VOTE BY THE END OF THE WEEK TO OUST BLAGOJEVICH, WHO IS BOYCOTTING HIS TRIAL.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 02/03/09 REPORTED THAT THE NEW ATTORNEY GENERAL IS PUTTING WALL STREET ON NOTICE. AFTER TAKING THE OATH THIS MORNING, ERIC HOLDER SAID THE JUSTICE DEPARTMENT, WHICH IS INVESTIGATING COMPANIES AT THE CENTER OF THE FINANCIAL CRISIS, WILL FIND FRAUD AND WILL HOLD PEOPLE ACCOUNTABLE. BUT, THERE WILL BE NO WITCH HUNTS. HOLDER ALSO PROMISED HIS EMPLOYEES THAT HE WOULD RESTORE THE SCANDAL-PLAGUED DEPARTMENT'S REPUTATION. HOLDER BECOMES THE FIRST AFRICAN-AMERICAN TO HEAD UP JUSTICE. HE WOULD HAVE A FULL PLATE, RANGING FROM OVERSEEING PLANS TO CLOSE THE PRISON AT GUANTANAMO BAY TO ENFORCING ENVIRONMENTAL LAWS.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 02/03/09 REPORTED THAT AN ATTORNEY REPRESENTING THE FAMILY OF A BART WORKER KILLED IN AN ACCIDENT LAST YEAR, WANTS STATE REGULATORS TO PENALIZE BART FOR NOT COMPENSATING THE FAMILY. 44 YEAR OLD JAMES STRICKLAND WAS HIT AND KILLED BY A TRAIN IN OCTOBER AS HE WAS INSPECTING THE TRACKS NEAR THE CONCORD STATION. SO FAR, BART HAS NOT OFFERED WORKERS' COMPENSATION TO HIS WIDOW AND SON, DESPITE STATE RULES THAT SAY PAYMENTS MUST START LESS THAN 14 DAYS AFTER A DEADLY ACCIDENT. BART SAYS IT IS STILL WAITING FOR SEVERAL DOCUMENTS FROM THE FAMILY BEFORE MOVING FORWARD WITH THE PAYMENTS.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 02/03/09 REPORTED THAT THE NOW INFAMOUS' PHOTOGRAPH OF OLYMPIC GOLD MEDALIST MICHAEL PHELPS -- MIGHT SOON LEAD TO CRIMINAL CHARGES. OVER THE WEEKEND, THE PICTURE WAS PUBLISHED BY A BRITISH TABLOID WHERE PHELPS SMOKED OUT OF A BONG AT A SOUTH CAROLINA HOUSE PARTY. HE IMMEDIATELY ISSUED AN APOLOGY. BUT NOW, THE POLICE IN RICHLAND COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA MIGHT PRESS CHARGES FOR MARIJUANA USE. THIS WOULD NOT BE HIS FIRST RUN IN WITH THE LAW, THE 23 YEAR-OLD PHELPS HAS ALREADY PLED GUILTY TO DRUNK DRIVING BACK IN 2004. AS FOR HIS ENDORSEMENTS, SPEEDO AND OMEGA ARE SUPPORTING PHELPS, AND NO WORD YET FROM VISA AND KELLOG'S.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 02/03/09 REPORTED THAT THE FAMILY OF A MAN WHO DIED NINE YEARS AGO AFTER BEING ARRESTED BY OAKLAND POLICE, SAYS ALLEGATIONS OF POLICE BRUTALITY ARE FINALLY BEING HEARD. NBC BAY AREA'S JODI HERNANDEZ REPORTED HOW THE FAMILY OF JERRY AMARO IS SPEAKING OUT AND CALLING FOR JUSTICE. 22-YEAR OLD STEPHANIE HOPES HER FAMILY WILL FINALLY GET JUSTICE FOR HER BROTHER. JERRY AMARO DIED IN 2000 AFTER HIS FAMILY SAYS HE WAS BEATEN BY OAKLAND POLICE OFFICERS WHILE BEING ARRESTED ON DRUG ALLEGATIONS. AMARO'S FAMILY SAYS THEY'VE THOUGHT ALL ALONG POLICE COVERED UP WHAT REALLY HAPPENED. NOW NINE YEARS LATER THE FBI IS LOOKING INTO THE MATTER. CAPTAIN ED POULSON, WHO WAS RECENTLY PROMOTED TO HEAD UP INTERNAL AFFAIRS, HAS BEEN PUT ON PAID ADMINISTRATIVE LEAVE WHILE THE INVESTIGATION TAKES PLACE. CIVIL RIGHTS ATTORNEY JOHN BURRIS SAYS AMARO'S FAMILY DESERVES COMPENSATION. POULSON'S ATTORNEY TOLD NBC BAY AREA HIS CLIENT DID NOTHING WRONG. HE SAID ATTEMPTS "TO TAR HIM THIS MANY YEARS LATER ARE NOT SUPPORTED BY THE EVIDENCE." BUT AMARO'S FAMILY BELIEVES THE TRUTH WILL COME OUT. THE FAMILY IS NOT ONLY CALLING ON CAPTAIN PAULSON TO BE FIRED BUT ALSO PROSECUTED.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 02/09/09 REPORTED THAT SAN JOSE'S CITY COUNCIL IS CONSIDERING A PROPOSAL TO CHARGE NIGHT CLUB OWNERS FEES TO HELP COVER THE COST OF HAVING EXTRA OFFICERS PATROLLING THE DOWNTOWN ENTERTAINMENT ZONE. CLUBS WOULD PAY 39 CENTS PER PATRON, BASED ON THE FIRE MARSHALL'S OCCUPANCY LIMITS, WHICH COULD ADD TO ANYWHERE FROM 26-HUNDRED DOLLARS TO MORE THAN 82-THOUSAND A YEAR. THE COUNCIL MEETS TOMORROW NIGHT.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 02/09/09 REPORTED THAT

AFTER MORE THAN THREE YEARS, RELIEF HAS FINALLY COME TO THE MILLIONS OF DRIVERS WHO USE THE BAY BRIDGE IN THE MORNING. THE HARRISON STREET OFF-RAMP RE-OPENED TO TRAFFIC AT FIVE THIS MORNING. CALTRANS HAD USED IT AS A STAGING AREA TO RETROFIT THE WESTERN PORTION OF THE BAY BRIDGE. IT IS A BIG RELIEF FOR DRIVERS, BECAUSE, ACCORDING TO CALTRANS, 15-HUNDRED PEOPLE USE IT EVERY HOUR DURING THE MORNING. CALTRANS SAYS ONCE DRIVERS REMEMBER HARRISON IS A FASTER WAY TO REACH THE FINANCIAL DISTRICT AND THE EMBARCADERO, TRAFFIC ON THE UPPER DECK WILL FLOW BETTER.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 02/09/09 REPORTED THAT 19-OLD R & B PERFORMER CHRIS BROWN IS STAYING AWAY FROM CAMERAS AFTER LAST NIGHT'S ARREST ON SUSPICION OF MAKING CRIMINAL THREATS. BROWN TURNED HIMSELF IN AFTER A VIOLENT ALTERCATION WITH A WOMAN WIDELY REPORTED AS BEING BROWN'S GIRLFRIEND, POP SINGER RIHANNA. BOTH WERE NO-SHOWS AT LAST NIGHT'S GRAMMY AWARDS. GUM-MAKER WRIGLEY IS SUSPENDING ITS AD CAMPAIGN FEATURING BROWN UNTIL THE SITUATION IS RESOLVED.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 02/18/09 REPORTED THAT THERE WAS ANOTHER PORTABLE TOILET FIRE IN SAN FRANCISCO. POLICE SAY THE FIRE WAS SET JUST BEFORE MIDNIGHT ON KANSAS AND 17TH STREETS IN THE POTRERO HILL NEIGHBORHOOD. THIS IS THE 24TH PORTA-POTTY FIRE IN SAN FRANCISCO SINCE NOVEMBER. THE LAST HAPPENED IN THE SAME NEIGHBORHOOD ON SUNDAY AND, SO FAR, NONE OF THE FIRES HAS SPREAD TO NEARBY BUILDINGS.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 02/18/09 REPORTED THAT THE SAN FRANCISCO FIREFIGHTER INJURED IN AN ARSON FIRE TWO-WEEKS AGO IS STILL HOSPITALIZED, BUT DOCTORS SAY HE'S IMPROVING. CHRISTOPHER POSEY SUFFERED BURNS AND SERIOUS RESPIRATORY INJURIES AFTER THE ROOF COLLAPSED. THE FIRE DEPARTMENT SAYS WHILE HE IS STILL IN THE INTENSIVE CARE UNIT AND HIS CONDITION IS STABLE. BUT SO FAR, THERE HAVE BEEN NO ARRESTS IN CONNECTION WITH THAT FIRE. THE CITY IS OFFERING A 75-THOUSAND DOLLAR REWARD FOR ANY INFORMATION LEADING TO THE PERSON RESPONSIBLE.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 02/18/09 REPORTED THAT THE DEADLY NEW YEAR'S DAY SHOOTING BY BART POLICE COULD LEAD TO A NEW STATE LAW. IT WOULD CREATE "CIVILIAN OVERSIGHT" FOR BART'S POLICE FORCE. TWO SAN FRANCISCO LAWMAKERS CITED THE DEATH OF BART PASSENGER, OSCAR GRANT, AS THEY INTRODUCED THE LAW TODAY IN SACRAMENTO. ASSEMBLY MEMBER TOM AMMIANO AND SENATOR LELAND YEE SAY A CIVILIAN OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE COULD HEAR COMPLAINTS AND GRIEVANCES WHICH BEFORE HAVE BEEN INVESTIGATED INTERNALLY BY BART, A SITUATION THEY COMPARE TO "THE FOX GUARDING THE HEN HOUSE."

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 02/18/09 REPORTED THAT A SEXUAL PREDATOR HAS NOW STRUCK TEN TIMES, NEAR THE UC BERKELEY CAMPUS, ATTACKING COLLEGE-AGED WOMEN. POLICE SAY THE SUSPECT

APPROACHES THE VICTIMS FROM BEHIND, LIFTS THEIR SKIRTS, AND SEXUALLY ASSAULTS THEM. THE FOUR NEWEST CASES OCCURRED WITHIN 2-BLOCKS OF EACH OTHER ON PIEDMONT AVENUE BETWEEN 10 AT NIGHT AND 3 IN THE MORNING. THE SUSPECT IS DESCRIBED AS WHITE, IN HIS EARLY 20'S, 5' 10," MEDIUM BUILD, WITH SHORT DARK HAIR.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 02/18/09 REPORTED THAT A BAY AREA COMPUTER CRIMES TASK FORCE ANNOUNCED TODAY THAT A RAID ON A SAN FRANCISCO HOUSE NETTED FOUR SUSPECTS. THE HOUSE IS LOCATED ON THE 15-HUNDRED BLOCK OF NEWHALL AVENUE IN THE CITY'S BAYVIEW DISTRICT. PROSECUTORS SAY THE HOUSE WAS KNOWN AS A CLEARINGHOUSE FOR GAMBLERS, DRUG DEALERS, AND IDENTITY THIEVES. AGENTS SEARCHED THE HOME LAST MONTH, AFTER INVESTIGATING AN ID THEFT RING THAT VICTIMIZED PEOPLE IN SAN MATEO AND SANTA CLARA COUNTIES.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 02/18/09 REPORTED THAT BEFORE YOU POST YOUR RESUME, ONLINE FRAUD EXPERTS SAY, "WATCH OUT!" YOUR ENTIRE FUTURE COULD BE PUT IN JEOPARDY, IF IT FALLS INTO THE WRONG HANDS. EXPERTS SAY INFORMATION LIKE YOUR FULL NAME, YOUR HOME ADDRESS, AND PHONE NUMBER CAN BE THE BUILDING BLOCKS FOR A SCAM ARTIST TO STEAL YOUR IDENTITY. YOU ALSO HAVE TO WATCH OUT FOR BOGUS EMPLOYERS AND FOR ADDING CREDIT CARD INFORMATION TO THAT LIST. THE LESSON HERE IS, BE CAUTIOUS ABOUT THE INFORMATION YOU'RE HANDING OVER, OR YOUR NEXT JOB COULD BE CLEANING UP YOUR CREDIT FROM IDENTITY THEFT.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 02/18/09 REPORTED THAT AN EDITORIAL CARTOON IN TODAY'S NEW YORK POST IS STIRRING CONTROVERSY, FOR LINKING MONDAY'S FATAL SHOOTING OF A PET CHIMPANZEE TO PRESIDENT BARACK OBAMA. IN THE CARTOON, AFTER KILLING A CHIMPANZEE, A POLICE OFFICER SAYS, "THEY'LL HAVE TO FIND SOMEONE ELSE TO WRITE THE NEXT STIMULUS BILL." IN A STATEMENT, THE POST DEFENDED THE CARTOON AS A PARODY AND LASHED OUT AT THE REVEREND AL SHARPTON AS A QUOTE, "PUBLICITY OPPORTUNIST." NEW YORK GOVERNOR DAVID PATTERSON IS ASKING THE POST FOR AN "EXPLANATION."

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 02/18/09 REPORTED THAT SAN FRANCISCO MAY SOON HAVE 34 NEW MILES OF BIKE LANES. AFTER AN EXHAUSTIVE ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW, THE CITY'S UPDATED BICYCLE PLAN, WHICH WAS PROPOSED 4-YEARS-AGO, MAY NOW BE MOVING FORWARD. IN 2006, A SUPERIOR COURT HAD BANNED THE CITY FROM IMPLEMENTING THE IMPROVEMENTS, UNTIL THEIR IMPACT COULD BE STUDIED. SAN FRANCISCO IS TRYING TO INCREASE SAFE BICYCLE USE, BY ADDING TO THE EXISTING 45-MILES OF BIKE LANES IN THE CITY THERE IS ONLY ONE COMPLAINT THAT THE MORE BIKE LANES MAY MEAN FEWER STREET PARKING SPACES.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 02/18/09 REPORTED THAT IN THE NAME OF PEDESTRIAN SAFETY, HERE COME NOISIER BUSES IN SAN FRANCISCO. STARTING TOMORROW, MUNI WILL BEGIN REACTIVATING THE AUDIBLE WARNING SYSTEMS THAT SOUND EVERY TIME A BUS TURNS RIGHT. THE DEVICES WERE DISABLED YEARS AGO, AFTER RESIDENTS COMPLAINED THE BEEPING WAS TOO LOUD. TRANSIT OFFICIALS BELIEVE BEEPING BUSES WILL

MAKE THE STREETS SAFER FOR PEDESTRIANS. THE BEEPING WILL BE LOUD ENOUGH TO BE HEARD FROM 30-FEET AWAY. ALL BUSES SHOULD BE BEEP-ACTIVATED BY MARCH 20TH.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 02/18/09 REPORTED THAT FACEBOOK IS BACKING DOWN ON A POLICY CHANGE THAT OUTRAGED USERS. AFTER HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF USERS STAGED A VIRTUAL PROTEST FACEBOOK DID AN ABOUT FACE AND CHANGED ITS "TERMS OF SERVICE" MESSAGE LAST NIGHT. THAT NEW POLICY STATED FACEBOOK OWNED THE RIGHTS TO USERS' INFORMATION EVEN AFTER THEY HAD DELETED IT. FACEBOOK RESTORED ITS OLD LANGUAGE, AND SAYS USERS CAN REST ASSURED THAT IF YOU DELETE YOUR PROFILE IT IS REALLY GONE. PRIVACY ADVOCATES SAY CONGRESS NEEDS TO CREATE A STRONG INTERNET PRIVACY LAW TO PROTECT YOUR INFORMATION, JUST LIKE MEDICAL AND FINANCIAL RECORDS ARE PROTECTED.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 03/31/09 REPORTED THAT INVESTIGATORS ARE NOT RULING OUT ANYONE AS A POSSIBLE SUSPECT IN THEIR SEARCH FOR A MISSING EIGHT YEAR OLD GIRL, LITTLE SANDRA CANTU. NBC BAY AREA'S JODI HERNANDEZ REPORTED LIVE FROM TRACY. INVESTIGATORS HAVE SEARCHED NUMEROUS HOMES AND HAVE NAMED WHAT THEY REFERRED TO AS "TWO PERSONS OF INTEREST". A QUESTIONABLE KISS HAS ONE MAN UNDER SCRUTINY. 60 YEAR OLD FRANK WOHLER SAID HE HAD KNOWN THE EIGHT YEAR OLD GIRL SINCE HE MOVED TO THE MOBILE HOME PARK IN 2006, AND HE ADMITTED TO KISSING SANDRA ON THE LIPS AT THE COMMUNITY SWIMMING POOL, BUT HE SAID THAT HE HAD NOTHING TO DO WITH HER DISAPPEARANCE.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 03/31/09 REPORTED THAT A YOUNG MOTHER CONTINUES TO FIGHT FOR HER LIFE, AND SANTA CLARA POLICE SAID IT IS STILL NOT CLEAR AS TO WHAT MAKE HER 42-YEAR OLD HUSBAND SNAP. NBC BAY AREA'S KRIS SANCHEZ REPORTED LIVE FROM THE SANTA CLARA POLICE STATION WITH ONE THING POLICE HAVE RULED OUT AS A POSSIBLE CAUSE FOR THE YAHOO ENGINEER TO KILL SIX PEOPLE, INCLUDING THREE CHILDREN AND HIMSELF. ACCORDING TO THE POLICE, 42-YEAR OLD DEVAN KALATHAT WAS WELL-EDUCATED, HAD A STABLE JOB WITH YAHOO AND THEY HAVE NO REASON TO BELIEVE THAT HE WAS IN FINANCIAL TROUBLE. THEY ARE NOW ASKING QUESTIONS ABOUT THE SEEMINGLY HAPPY FAMILY'S LIFE TOGETHER. FAMILY PHOTOS POSTED ON "TIMES OF INDIA" NEWS SITE, INDICATED HOW DEVAN KALATHAT LOOKED HAPPY WITH HIS 34-YEAR OLD WIFE, AND THEIR 11-YEAR OLD SON, AKHIL AND 4-YEAR OLD DAUGHTER, NEGHA. THE FAMILY TELLS THE "TIMES OF INDIA" THAT THE YAHOO ENGINEER, WHO ALSO WENT BY RAGHAVAN DEVARJAN, WAS ALSO CLOSE WITH HIS WIFE'S BROTHER, ASHOK APPU POOTHEMKANDI AND HIS WIFE, SUCHITRA SIVARAMAN ALONG WITH THEIR 11-MONTH OLD BABY, AHANA. HOWEVER, ON SUNDAY NIGHT, KALATHAT GUNNED DOWN THE ENTIRE FAMILY, INCLUDING HIMSELF. FLOWERS WILT OUTSIDE THE SANTA CLARA TOWN HOUSE WHERE THE FAMILY RECENTLY MOVED AND THE LONE SURVIVOR, KALATHAT'S WIFE STILL CLINGS TO HER LIFE, SUFFERING FROM MULTIPLE GUNSHOT WOUNDS. THE "TIMES OF INDIA" REPORTS THAT HIS FAMILY IN INDIA IS IN UTTER SHOCK OVER THE REASON KALATHAT WOULD GUN DOWN HIS OWN WIFE AND TWO CHILDREN, HIS

WIFE'S BROTHER, HIS WIFE AND THEIR INFANT DAUGHTER, AND THEN TAKE HIS OWN LIFE. KALATHAT PURCHASED THE GUNS LEGALLY, BUYING ONE RIGHT AROUND THE TIME HIS BROTHER-IN-LAW AND FAMILY MOVED TO THE BAY AREA. AN INDIAN CONSULATE IN SAN FRANCISCO REPORTED THAT THE FAMILY IS MAKING THEIR WAY TO THE UNITED STATES TO IDENTIFY THE VICTIMS AND TAKE THEIR REMAINS BACK HOME TO SOUTHERN INDIA.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 03/31/09 REPORTED THAT SCAM ARTISTS ARE TRYING TO PROFIT ON THE DEATHS OF THE FOUR OFFICERS WITH A CON AIMED AT TUGGING AT PEOPLE'S HEARTSTRINGS. THE OAKLAND POLICE REPORTED THAT SOMEONE IS CALLING FROM A BLOCKED NUMBER CLAIMING TO BE FROM THE OAKLAND POLICE OFFICER'S ASSOCIATION. THE CALLER REQUESTS A DONATION TO HELP PAY FOR THE OFFICERS' FUNERALS LAST WEEK, BUT OAKLAND POLICE SAY THE DEPARTMENT AND THE POLICE OFFICER'S ASSOCIATION, DO NOT MAKE PHONE CALLS TO SOLICIT DONATIONS. FOR MORE INFORMATION ON DONATING TO THE FAMILIES OF THE FALLEN OFFICERS, YOU CAN GO TO THE OAKLAND POLICE OFFICER ASSOCIATION'S WEBSITE.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 03/31/09 REPORTED THAT THE BAY AREA COMPANY THAT HAS MADE MILLIONS CLEANING TOILET BOWLS, HAS ITS SIGHT SET ON SAN FRANCISCO'S PORTA POTTY PYROMANIAC. TODAY CLOROX, TEAMED UP WITH THE CITY'S FIREFIGHTERS TO WIPE OUT A NASTY ARSONIST. THE COMPANY, OROX IS OFFERING A 5-THOUSAND DOLLAR REWARD AND A YEAR'S SUPPLY OF TOILET PRODUCTS FOR TIPS LEADING TO THE ARREST OF THE ARSONIST.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 03/31/09 REPORTED THAT THE FBI IS WORKING WITH VARIOUS AGENCIES TONIGHT TO MAKE SURE DAMAGE FROM TOMORROW'S INTERNET WORM IS KEPT TO A MINIMUM. THE "CONFICKER" VIRUS HAS INFECTED AS MANY AS 20-MILLION WINDOWS-BASED P-C'S SO FAR. MICROSOFT IS SO WORRIED THAT IT IS OFFERING A QUARTER-MILLION DOLLAR REWARD TO CATCH WHOEVER MADE IT. ANTI-VIRUS COMPANIES SAY APRIL FOOLS DAY TOMORROW WILL BE NO JOKE. EXPERTS SAY THERE'S AN EASY WAY TO SEE IF YOU'RE INFECTED. TRY TO ACCESS THE WEB SITE OF AN ANTI-VIRUS COMPANY LIKE MCAFEE OR SYMANTEC. IF CONFICKER IS THERE, YOU WON'T BE ABLE TO.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 03/31/09 REPORTED THAT AN OHIO MAN IS FACING A DRUNK DRIVING CHARGE, WHILE HE NEVER LEFT HIS BAR SEAT THAT'S BECAUSE POLICE SAY THE MAN WAS UNDER THE INFLUENCE WHILE RIDING AROUND IN A MOTORIZED BAR STOOL. THEY SAY HE WRECKED IT ON A PUBLIC STREET.

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NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 1/8/2009 REPORTED THAT SAN FRANCISCO'S BOARD OF SUPERVISORS HAS A SURPRISE NEW PRESIDENT TONIGHT. ON HIS VERY FIRST DAY ON THE JOB 38-YEAR-OLD DAVID CHIU BECAME THE BOARD'S FIRST CHINESE-AMERICAN PRESIDENT. SEVERAL BOARD MEMBERS REPEATEDLY VOTED FOR THEMSELVES DURING SEVEN-ROUNDS OF BALLOTING. THEN NEWCOMER CHIU WON THE MAJORITY VOTE, NARROWLY

BEATING EIGHT-YEAR VETERAN SOPHIE MAXWELL, AND SECOND TERMER ROSS MIRKARIMI, MUCH TO THE CHAGRIN OF THOSE WHO FELT THE BOARD'S LEADER SHOULD HAVE MORE EXPERIENCE. IN A RARE APPEARANCE AT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' CHAMBER, MAYOR GAVIN NEWSOM PLEDGED TO WORK CLOSELY WITH THE BOARD TO OVERCOME THE CITY'S BUDGET WOES.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 1/13/2009 REPORTED THAT THIS IS NOT THE FIRST TIME ASH KALRA RAISED HIS RIGHT HAND FOR AN OATH. KALRA IS A FORMER PUBLIC DEFENDER. KALRA NOW WORKS OUT OF THE 18TH FLOOR OF SAN JOSE CITY HALL, A HISTORIC ASCENSION FOR THE 36 YEAR OLD. KALRA SAYS, MAYOR CHUCK REED, IS THE FRUIT OF THAT COMMUNITY INVESTMENT BY INDIAN AMERICANS. HE DIDN'T THINK TWICE WHEN TAKING A 100-THOUSAND DOLLAR PAY-CUT TO JOIN THE COUNCIL. KALRA SAYS IT'S ABOUT FIXING POT HOLES, AS WELL AS THE GAPING HOLE IN THE BUDGET.

NBC BAY AREA, COMUNIDAD DEL VALLE, 3:00 PM, 1/25/09 FEATURED AN INTERVIEW WITH PALLIE ZAMBRANO WHO DISCUSSED THE PAJAMA PROGRAM THAT PROVIDES NEW PAJAMAS TO NEEDY KIDS LIVING IN SHELTERS, FROM EMERGENCY SHELTERS TO WOMEN'S SHELTERS. THE PAJAMA PROGRAM IS AN ANNUAL EVENT AROUND VALENTINE'S DAY THAT IS CO-SPONSORED BY THE SAN JOSE FAIRMONT HOTEL. IT'S ON FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 13TH THIS YEAR FROM 6AM TO 10PM. DONATORS GET FREE COOKIES WHEN THEY BRING IN NEW PAJAMAS. LINA BROYDO DESCRIBED HOW THE PAJAMA PROGRAM SYMBOLIZES THE GIVING OF COMFORT, LOVE AND CARE.

NBC BAY AREA, COMUNIDAD DEL VALLE, 3:00 PM-3:30 PM, 1/25/09 FEATURED AN INTERVIEW WITH DR. GEORGE CASTRO WHO DISCUSSED THE FOCUS OF THE INSTITUTE TO HONOR THE LEGACY OF ERNESTO GALLARZA. THEIR FOCUS IS ALSO TO PROVIDE SCHOLARSHIPS FOR STUDENTS TO TRANSFER FROM A COMMUNITY COLLEGE TO SAN JOSE STATE UNIVERSITY. ELMA ARREDONDO DISCUSSED THE WORK OF AGUSTIN LIRA AND ALMA, WHO WILL BE PERFORMING AT THE FUNDRAISER AT SJSU FOR THE GALLARZA INSTITUTE. THE ERNESTO GALLARZA INSTITUTE FUNDRAISER WILL BE HELD ON FEBRUARY 7TH. COMUNIDAD FEATURES A MUSICAL COMPOSITION BY AGUSTIN LIRA.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 02/03/09 REPORTED THAT SAN FRANCISCO'S CHINATOWN WILL COME ALIVE THIS SATURDAY WITH THE CHINESE NEW YEAR PARADE. SAN FRANCISCO'S PIER 27 IS A BEEHIVE OF ACTIVITY TODAY AS FLOAT BUILDERS PUT THE FINISHING TOUCHES ON THEIR CREATIONS. THERE ARE PLENTY OF DRAGONS AND LARGER THAN LIFE FIGURES WAITING FOR THE BIG DAY. THERE ARE ALSO MANY REMINDERS THAT THIS YEAR MARKS THE YEAR OF THE OX. THE PARADE KICKS OFF SATURDAY AT 5:15 PM. ORGANIZERS ADVISE VISITORS TO TAKE PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION TO THE AREA.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 02/03/09 REPORTED THAT THERE HAS BEEN A RECOUNT FROM THE SUPER BOWL IN WHICH THEY RECALCULATED THE RATINGS. SUNDAY'S BIG GAME IS NOW THE HIGHEST RATED SUPER BOWL IN HISTORY. LOT OF PEOPLE CALLED IN SICK AND SCRAPED TOGETHER SOME MONEY FOR A PARADE IN PITTSBURGH, WITH THE BUDGET

CRISIS PARADES COST A LOT OF MONEY, 20-DEGREE WEATHER AND LOT OF CHEERS. THERE USED TO BE A LOT OF PRADES IN THAT AREA OF DOWN MARKET STREET HOWEVER, THAT WAS 15 -TO-20 YEARS AGO.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 02/03/09 REPORTED THAT AS BARACK OBAMA SETTLES INTO THE OVAL OFFICE, COMMUNITY LEADERS ARE WORKING TO BRING HOME HIS MESSAGE OF SELF-RELIANCE. NBC BAY AREA'S CHRISTIE SMITH SHOWS US ONE MAN'S JOURNEY FROM THE INAUGURATION TO EAST OAKLAND. FROM ST. BENEDICTS CHURCH IN EAST OAKLAND - FATHER JAY MATTHEWS RE-LIVES THE TRIP OF A LIFE TIME. SINCE THERE WAS NO ROOM LEFT, HE FOUND ANOTHER AREA HE SNAPPED PHOTOS OF HIS EXPERIENCE AT THE INAUGURATION OF PRESIDENT BARACK OBAMA. WITH HISTORY IN THE BOOKS, HE CAME BACK HOME, LOOKING AT THE NEIGHBORHOOD THINKING MAYBE THE MAN WHO PROMISED HOPE WILL KEEP ON DELIVERING BY EXAMPLE. ST. BENEDICT'S KEEPS STRONG TIES TO YOUTH ACTIVITIES. HE SEES PROGRESS AND WORK AHEAD. HE WANTS YOUNG PEOPLE TO ACCEPT THE HELP THAT'S THERE AND PASS ALONG TO PEOPLE BACK HERE IN THE BAY AREA, ONE PHOTO AT A TIME.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 02/09/09 REPORTED THAT A MAN KNOWN AS "SULLY" HAS BEEN CALLED THE HERO OF THE HUDSON. NOW HE HAS BEEN NICKNAMED "CAPTAIN COOL" WHICH NEW YORK CITY MAYOR MICHAEL BLOOMBERG GAVE TO CHESLEY SULLENBERGER, AFTER GIVING HIM AND THE CREW OF FLIGHT 1549 THE KEY TO THE CITY. THE DANVILLE MAN WHO GLIDED FLIGHT 1549 ONTO THE HUDSON RIVER LAST MONTH AND MAYOR BLOOMBERG ALSO GAVE THE CREW THE KEY TO THE CITY. HE CALLED THEM HEROES, FOR MAKING SURE EVERYONE SURVIVED THE CRASH-LANDING ON THE HUDSON. SULLENBERGER SAID IT WASN'T ALL ABOUT HIM. DURING EXCERPTS FROM SULLENBERGER'S FIRST INTERVIEW WITH 60 MINUTES, HE DESCRIBED THE DECISION TO LAND IN THE HUDSON. THE BIRDS KNOCKED OUT BOTH ENGINES OF HIS AIRLINER. NOT ABLE TO MAKE AN EMERGENCY LANDING IN NEW JERSEY NEARBY, THE ONLY OPTION AWAITED U.S. AIRWAYS FLIGHT 1549 WAS THE HUDSON RIVER. CAPTAIN CHESLEY SULLENBERGER SAID HE USED HIS EXPERIENCE AS AN AIR FORCE FIGHTER PILOT, AND 30 YEARS AS COMMERCIAL PILOT TO GET HIS PLANE DOWN SAFELY. THEN HE HEARD THE 155 TOTAL NUMBER OF PASSENGERS AND CREW MEMBERS WHO SURVIVED THE CRASH-LANDING ALL LIVED. AT A TIME WHEN SO MUCH HAS GONE WRONG AND IN A COUNTRY DESPERATE FOR GOOD NEWS, THERE EMERGES THE CREW OF FLIGHT 1549, AND CAPTAIN CHESLEY SULLENBERGER, "AN AMERICAN HERO."

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 02/09/09 REPORTED THAT PEOPLE IN BERKELEY MAY SOON BE ABLE TO SPEND THE AFTERLIFE WITHIN CITY LIMITS. THE BERKELEY CITY COUNCIL IS EXPECTED TO AMEND A 1910 LAW THIS MONTH BANNING HUMAN BURIALS AND INTERMENTS IN THE CITY. FAMILIES WOULD THEN BE ABLE TO STORE THE ASHES OF THEIR LOVED ONES AT SOME CHURCHES AND OTHER LOCATIONS. BERKELEY HAS BEEN SENDING ITS DEAD TO CEMETERIES IN OAKLAND, EL CERRITO, AND OTHER LOCATIONS FOR THE PAST 99 YEARS. THE AMENDED ORDINANCE IS SET TO GO BEFORE THE COUNCIL TOMORROW OR ON FEBRUARY 24TH.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 02/09/09 REPORTED THAT

WITH VALENTINE'S DAY FALLING ON A SATURDAY THIS YEAR, SAN MATEO COUNTY IS OPENING THE CLERK'S OFFICE TO PERFORM CIVIL WEDDING CEREMONIES. FEBRUARY 14TH IS THE MOST POPULAR DAY FOR WEDDINGS ALL YEAR AT THE COUNTY CENTER IN REDWOOD CITY, COUPLES ARE ADVISED TO MAKE RESERVATIONS. THE DAY BEFORE ON FRIDAY THE 13TH IS ALSO BOOKING UP FAST.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 02/09/09 REPORTED THAT AFTER SO MANY COMPARISONS TO ABRAHAM LINCOLN AND JOHN KENNEDY, IT WAS JUST A MATTER OF TIME BEFORE BARACK OBAMA WOULD IMITATE GERALD FORD. TURNING FOR SOME FINAL WAVES AS HE BOARDED THE HELICOPTER, MARINE-ONE, HE FORGOT TO DUCK AS HE BOARDED, BUMPING HIS HEAD. IN GERALD FORD'S CASE, A KNEE INJURY FROM HIS COLLEGE FOOTBALL DAYS LED TO SOME NOTABLE STUMBLES.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 02/18/09 REPORTED THAT TIME CAN ALSO BE TIMELESS? CLOCKMAKER, GERMANO WAS INTRODUCED BY NBC BAY AREA'S GARVIN THOMAS WHO SHOWED US WHAT THIS MAN HAS CHOSEN TO CREATE DURING HIS "FREE TIME" AND HOW IT SHOULD MAKE US ALL BAY AREA PROUD. WHEN GERMANO SILVA WAS SEVEN YEARS OLD AND STILL LIVING IN THE OLD COUNTRY OF PORTUGAL, HE GOT THE BRIGHT IDEA TO FIX A NEIGHBOR'S CLOCK. SO JUST IMAGINE HOW MANY MISTAKES WENT INTO CREATING SOMETHING THIS SPECTACULAR. A SINGLE CLOCK MADE UP OF SIXTEEN, DIFFERENT CLOCKS. DESIGNED ENTIRELY IN HIS MIND AND CREATED EXCLUSIVELY BY HIS HANDS. IT IS NOT THE ONLY ONE HE'S EVER DONE. IN THE CASE OF HIS LARGEST CREATION, IT WAS EIGHT YEARS OF WORK. ALMOST EVERY DAY, SILVA WOULD RETURN FROM HIS DAY JOB AS A JEWELER AND RETREAT TO HIS BACKYARD WORKSHOP; CREATING THE GEARS, ETCHING THE DESIGNS AND MAKING ALL THOSE MISTAKES ANOTHER WORLD, WHERE FOR DECADES A SAN JOSE MAN HAS LOST TRACK OF TIME, CREATING BEAUTIFUL MACHINES TO MARK IT.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 02/18/09 REPORTED THAT THE PUSH IS ON TO RELAX THE NEW RULES FOR THE ANNUAL BAY TO BREAKERS FOOT RACE AND PARTY IN SAN FRANCISCO. SUPERVISOR ROSS MIRKARIMI IS CALLING ON RACE ORGANIZERS TO LIGHTEN-UP ON NEW RULES BANNING PARTY FLOATS AND THE FULL MONTY. ORGANIZERS ANNOUNCED THE CRACKDOWN LAST WEEK, AFTER RESIDENTS ALONG THE ROUTE COMPLAINED OF DRUNKENESS, TRASH, AND NUDITY. THEY ARE NOW IN TALKS WITH THE CITY AND POLICE, TO DETERMINE WHICH RULES TO ENFORCE. A BAN ON BOOZE WILL PROBABLY REMAIN. TYPICALLY, 65-THOUSAND RUNNERS TAKE PART IN THE ZANY RACE, WHICH EXTENDS FROM THE EMBARCADERO TO OCEAN BEACH.

NBC BAY AREA, COMUNIDAD DEL VALLE, 3:00 PM-3:30 PM, 2/22/09 FEATURED AN INTERVIEW THAT HONORS THE LATE CIVIL RIGHTS LEGEND CESAR CHAVEZ. RUDY CHAVEZ MEDINA, ABEL SANCHEZ AND JORDE SANTANA WERE BACK ON THE SHOW TO TALK ABOUT THIS YEAR'S HISTORICAL MEMORIAL WALK HONORING CESAR CHAVEZ. THERE WILL BE VARIOUS NOTABLE PERFORMERS, INCLUDING MYSTIQUE. MEDINA EXPRESSED HIS DEEPEST APPRECIATED FOR

SANTANA'S AND SANCHEZ'S PARTICIPATION WHO COME BACK EVERY YEAR TO SUPPORT THE CAUSE AND SPIRIT OF HIS UNCLE.

NBC BAY AREA, COMUNIDAD DEL VALLE, 3:00 PM-3:30 PM, 2/22/09, FEATURED AN ADDITIONAL SEGMENT WITH RUDY CHAVEZ MEDINA, ABEL SANCHEZ AND JORGE SANTANA WHO TALKED ABOUT THE FARMWORKERS MOVEMENT THAT CESAR CHAVEZ REPRESENTED AND FOUGHT FOR IN HIS LIFE. THEY ALSO TALK ABOUT THE INFAMOUS "SHORT HOE" THAT JEOPARDIZED THE HEALTH OF MANY FARMWORKERS. THE HISTORICAL MARCH WILL TAKE PLACE ON MARCH 28TH STARTING AT 8 A.M. IN DOWNTOWN SAN JOSE.

NBC BAY AREA, COMUNIDAD DEL VALLE, 3:00 PM-3:30 PM, 2/22/09, FEATURED A PERFORMANCE BY ABEL SANCHEZ AND JORGE SANTANA.

NBC BAY AREA, BAY AREA VISTA, 3:30PM-4:00PM 2/22/2009, FEATURED AN INTERVIEW WITH SARITA KOHLI, DIRECTOR OF MENTAL HEALTH PROGRAMS FOR ASIAN AMERICANS FOR COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT AND ARMINA HUSIC, PROGRAM MANAGER AND BOSNIAN REFUGEE. SARITA KOHLI DESCRIBED THE PURPOSES AND MISSION OF THE ORGANIZATION, SAYING THAT THE SERVICES OFFERED ARE ASSISTANCE IN PROCESSING ASYLUM CASES, ORGANIZING ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE CLASSES, PSYCHOLOGICAL EVALUATIONS AND MUCH MORE. ARMINA SHARED HER FIRST-HAND EXPERIENCE AS A REFUGEE HAVING TO TRANSITION TO A NEW LIFE IN AMERICA, AND THE WAY IN WHICH SHE CAN RELATE TO THE PEOPLE AACI SERVES. ARMINA ALSO SAID THAT WHEN PEOPLE WHO HAVE EXPERIENCED TORTURE GO TO AACI, THEIR MAIN PRIORITIES ARE TYPICALLY SEEKING LEGAL ASYLUM IN THE U.S. AND FINDING HELP TO HAVE THEIR BASIC NEEDS (SUCH AS SHELTER, FOOD, AND MENTAL HELP) MET. SARITA KOHLI ALSO SAID THAT ALTHOUGH AACI DOESN'T PROVIDE LEGAL COUNSEL, THEY DO WORK WITH SISTER ORGANIZATIONS THAT OFTEN ASSIST REFUGEES. IN CLOSING, SHE ALSO SAID THAT HER WORK AT AACI HAS BEEN THE MOST UPLIFTING WORK THAT SHE HAS EVER DONE, AND THAT THE SERVICES THEY PROVIDE ARE FREE FOR TORTURE SURVIVORS, AS THE PROGRAM IS RECEIVES FEDERAL FUNDS FROM THE OFFICE OF REFUGEE RESETTLEMENT.

NBC BAY AREA, COMUNIDAD DEL VALLE, 3:00 PM-3:30 PM, MARCH 1, 2009, FEATURED VICTORIA ALVARADO TALKS ABOUT HER BOOK "MUJERES DE CONCIENCIA" (WOMEN OF CONSCIENCE). SHE DESCRIBES HOW HER PARENTS' INVOLVEMENT IN ACTIVISM INFLUENCED HER WORK PATH.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 03/31/09, REPORTED THAT EVERYONE HAS A TWIN OUT THERE, AND PRESIDENT OBAMA MAY BE NO EXCEPTION. THERE IS A MAN FROM MEXICO THAT HAS BEEN GAINING NOTORIETY IN HIS COUNTRY, BECAUSE OF HIS SIMILARITIES TO MISTER OBAMA. IN ADDITION ANOTHER MAN FROM INDONESIA HAS ALSO BEEN COMPARED TO THE PRESIDENT.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 03/31/09, REPORTED THAT A SAN MATEO MAN JUST RETURNED HOME FROM A DREAM TRIP TO AFRICA. NBC BAY AREA'S BRENT CANNON SHOWS US, HIS UNFORGETTABLE TRIP INCLUDED A MEETING WITH A WOMAN WITH A FAMOUS LAST NAME. MAMMA SARAH IS PRESIDENT BARACK OBAMA'S PATERNAL GRANDMOTHER AND MAHAR'S TOUR GUIDE COMPANY HELPED ARRANGE THIS MEETING. MAHAR IS ONE OF THE

FIRST AMERICAN TOURISTS GRANTED A MEETING WITH OBAMA'S GRANDMOTHER. MAHAR'S MEETING WITH MAMMA SARAH ALSO OPENED HIS EYES REGARDING HOW PRECIOUS WATER IS IN A THIRD WORLD COUNTRY.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 03/31/09 REPORTED THAT A LOT OF ATTENTION WILL BE FOCUSED ON PRESIDENT OBAMA DURING HIS EUROPEAN TRIP. BUT YOU CAN BET, THE SPOTLIGHT WILL BE JUST AS HOT ON HIS WIFE, MICHELLE THIS IS FIRST LADY'S FIRST FORAY INTO THE WORLD STAGE. AND YOU CAN BET HER EVERY OUTFIT, HER EVERY MOVE, WILL BE DISSECTED AND ANALYZED, ESPECIALLY HER MEETING WITH THE QUEEN. WHILE THERE IS A LOT OF LOVE IN BRITAIN FOR MICHELLE OBAMA, THERE'S ALSO TALK OF WHETHER THE FIRST LADY IS THE POWER BEHIND THE THRONE. ONE OTHER INTERESTING NOTE: CARLA BRUNI, THE WIFE OF FRENCH PRESIDENT, NICHOLAS SARKOZY, IS NOT ATTENDING THE G-20 MEETING, WHICH LIKELY LEAVES MORE OF THE LIMELIGHT FOR MRS. OBAMA.

EDUCATION

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 1/13/2009 REPORTED THAT WHEN THE DAY IS DONE AND THE SCHOOL BOOKS PACKED AWAY FOR THE NIGHT, A GROUP OF CHILDREN FILE INTO A SAN FRANCISCO BUILDING. THERE ARE 86 VOICES INTERTWINED IN AN ELEGANT DANCE. IT'S A SOUND FIT FOR KINGS AND QUEENS OR, IN THIS CASE, A NEW PRESIDENT. OPPORTUNITY FOLLOWED A MUSICAL TRAIL TO THE SAN FRANCISCO BOYS AND GIRLS CHOIRS. THE TWO GROUPS WERE PICKED TO SERENADE PRESIDENT OBAMA AS HE TAKES OVER THE NATION'S REINS. FOR FOUR-PLUS HOURS EVERY WEEK, THE GROUP HONES ITS VOICE INTO A SINGLE INSTRUMENT. THE GROUP WILL PERFORM SIX SONGS FOR THE PRESIDENT, INCLUDING PATRIOTIC TUNES AND A CIVIL RIGHTS ANTHEM. ONE SONG IS APPROPRIATELY CALLED GIVE US HOPE. THE GROUP IS CONTENT RAISING THE RAFTERS AT HOME. SOON THEY WILL RAISE THE EYES AND EARS OF MILLIONS, ADDING THEIR VOICES TO THE CHORUS OF THE NATION'S HISTORY.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 1/19/09 REPORTED THAT PLENTY OF BAY AREA TEENAGERS WILL HAVE THE HONOR OF SEEING THE INAUGURATION IN PERSON. BUT AS NBC BAY AREA'S CHERYL HURD REPORTED, FOR ONE SAN FRANCISCO HIGH SCHOOL SENIOR, HIS ROAD TO THE INAUGURATION IS UNLIKE ANY OTHER. 17-YEAR OLD JAMES KESSLER IS A HIGH SCHOOL SENIOR. IN JUNE, JAMES WAS DIAGNOSED WITH A VERY RARE FORM OF CANCER CALLED SARCOMA. BACK IN NOVEMBER, MAKE-A-WISH MADE IT POSSIBLE FOR JAMES TO MEET BARACK OBAMA. HIS COMMITMENT COMES FROM ONE OF HIS BIGGEST INSPIRATIONS, BARACK OBAMA AND HIS MESSAGE OF HOPE. AND IT'S OBAMA'S WORDS AND MESSAGE THAT WILL HELP JAMES REVEL IN THE MOMENT ON INAUGURATION DAY. THROUGH THE HELP OF FRIENDS JAMES AND HIS MOM MANAGED TO FIND A HOTEL ROOM RIGHT ACROSS THE STREET FROM THE WHITE HOUSE.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 1/22/2009 REPORTED THAT STUDENTS FROM U-C BERKELEY AND BERKELEY MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOLS PLAN A PEACEFUL MARCH TOMORROW TO PROTEST THE BART SHOOTING. SEVERAL STUDENT GROUPS ARE ORGANIZING THE DEMONSTRATION, WHICH STARTS WITH A RALLY AT TWO-THIRTY AT CAL'S SPROUL PLAZA. THEY'LL THEN MARCH TO TWO DIFFERENT BART STATIONS. THEY WANT AN INDEPENDENT INVESTIGATION OF THE SHOOTING, AND FOR BART POLICE TO BE DISARMED.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 1/22/2009 REPORTED THAT IT WAS A TRIUMPHANT RETURN TODAY FOR SARATOGA'S REDWOOD MIDDLE SCHOOL MARCHING BAND. THE LAST TIME WE SAW THEM WAS ON NATIONAL TV. 150-STUDENTS MARCHED IN THE INAUGURAL PARADE. SINCE THE ONLY HOTEL THEY COULD FIND WAS THREE-HOURS AWAY, THEY WOKE-UP AT TWO IN THE MORNING TO BE A PART OF HISTORY. COMING OFF THE PLANE THEY WERE TIRED AND GLAD TO BE HOME, BUT THEY WERE ESPECIALLY HAPPY TO BE BACK WHERE IT'S WARM, INSTEAD OF FREEZING.

NBC BAY AREA, COMUNIDAD DEL VALLE, 3:00 PM-3:30 PM, 1/25/09 FEATURED INTERVIEWS WITH DR. CASTRO AND ELMA ARREDONDO. DR. CASTRO DISCUSSED HIS PRIVILEGE TO WORK WITH MANY BRIGHT, YOUNG PEOPLE AT THE COLLEGE LEVEL. AT THE SAME TIME, HE ALSO DISCUSSED THE STRUGGLES HE SEES YOUNGER STUDENTS GO THROUGH AND HAVING THE MOTIVATION TO GO TO COLLEGE. ARREDONDO DISCUSSED A FUNDRAISING EVENT ON FEBRUARY 7TH.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA NEWS 6:00PM-7:00PM 01/27/09 REPORTED THAT THE STATE BUDGET CRISIS IS HITTING HOME FOR THE MT. PLEASANT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT IN SAN JOSE, PROMPTING A PROTEST FROM PARENTS EARLIER TODAY. TONIGHT, CONCERNED PARENTS ARE MEETING WITH THE SUPERINTENDENT WHO IS OUTLINING JUST HOW BAD THE CUTS COULD BE. UP TO 50 TEACHERS COULD LOSE THEIR JOBS. THE SUPERINTENDENT ALSO SAYS THE DISTRICT IS EXPECTED TO LOSE A THOUSAND DOLLARS PER PUPIL IN NEXT YEAR'S BUDGET.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 1/27/2009 REPORTED THAT MASSIVE BUDGET CUTS ARE THREATENING TO CROWD CLASSROOMS. IT IS A STORYLINE THAT HAS PLAYED OUT AT SCHOOLS ACROSS THE BAY AREA. NBC BAY AREA'S GARVIN THOMAS REPORTED LIVE IN SAN JOSE WHERE DOZENS OF TEACHERS' JOBS ARE IN JEOPARDY TONIGHT AND WHERE IT'S APPARENT THAT PARENTS DON'T INTEND TO LET THEM GO QUIETLY.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 1/27/2009 REPORTED THAT ADMINISTRATORS AT THE WEST CONTRA COSTA SCHOOL DISTRICT ARE HOLDING A MEETING TONIGHT TO DISCUSS POSSIBLE SCHOOL CLOSINGS. THE DISTRICT PLANS TO LOCK UP AS MANY AS EIGHT SCHOOLS OVER THE NEXT TWO YEARS. DISTRICT OFFICIALS SAY THE SCHOOLS ARE UNDER ENROLLED AND THE CAMPUSES ARE WORN DOWN. THIS WILL SAVE THE DISTRICT MORE THAN THREE MILLION DOLLARS AND A FINAL DECISION IS EXPECTED ON FEBRUARY 11TH.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA NEWS 6:00PM-7:00PM 01/27/09 REPORTED THAT STRICT NEW TESTS AIMED AT PROTECTING CHILDREN FROM LEAD ARE HAVING AN UNINTENDED CONSEQUENCE. SOME PARENTS AND EDUCATORS ARE

SHOCKED TO HEAR THAT NEW REGULATIONS COULD TAKE BOOKS OUT OF KIDS' HANDS. THE CHILDREN AT THIS STORYTIME AT THE WILLOW GLEN PUBLIC LIBRARY IN SAN JOSE COULD BECOME UNINTENDED VICTIMS OF NEW LEAD REGULATIONS MEANT TO PROTECT THEM. TWO WEEKS FROM TODAY, ALL TOYS AND GOODS FOR KIDS UNDER 12 MUST BE TESTED FOR LEAD AND THAT INCLUDES THE BOOKS ON LIBRARY SHELVES. CHRISTINA HILL AND HER 4-YEAR OLD SON HUNTER SPEND A LOT OF TIME AT THIS LIBRARY, NEVER THINKING LEAD WAS A PROBLEM HERE AND THE DIRECTOR OF THE PUBLIC LIBRARY SYSTEM SAYS, IT'S NOT. THAT ALLOWABLE AMOUNT IS 600-PARTS PER MILLION INITIALLY AND EVENTUALLY JUST 100-PARTS PER MILLION BY 2011. THE CPSC ALREADY EXEMPTED USED GOODS AND GOODS MADE OF NATURAL MATERIALS LIKE COTTON. EVERYONE HERE HOPES BOOKS ARE NEXT. THE NEW REGULATIONS GO INTO EFFECT FEBRUARY TENTH UNLESS THE CPSC REWRITES THE ENDING SOON. PUBLIC LIBRARIES AREN'T THE ONLY ONES WATCHING FOR A RULING. THE TESTING REGULATIONS COULD SHUT DOWN SCHOOL LIBRARIES AS WELL.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 02/03/09 REPORTED THAT IN A MAINTENANCE ROOM HIDDEN-AWAY AT SANTA CLARA UNIVERSITY TODAY, THE CAMPUS WAS STRIPPED OF WHAT USED TO BE A STAPLE OF COLLEGE LIFE, DORM ROOM TELEPHONES. SINCE EVERYONE CARRIES CELL PHONES THESE DAYS, LANDLINES ARE ABOUT AS NECESSARY AS LANTERNS. IN THIS CASE, PROGRESS HAS A DOWNSIDE IN WHICH COLLEGES USED TO MAKE MONEY ON THE PLUG-IN PHONES, BUT SANTA CLARA WILL SAVE ON MAINTENANCE COSTS. TIMES ARE CHANGING FOR THE UNIVERSITY, IN ADDITION, THE SCHOOL BRIEFLY RAN-OUT OF NETWORK ADDRESSES FOR THE RECORD NUMBER OF STUDENTS WANTING ACCESS TO THE SCHOOL'S WIRELESS NETWORK.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 02/03/09 REPORTED THAT TEACHERS AND SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS SAY THEY ARE TRYING TO STOP "THE RACE TO THE BOTTOM." CALIFORNIA ALREADY RANKS 47 OUT OF 50 STATES WHEN IT COMES TO SCHOOL FUNDING. THE GOVERNOR'S PROPOSED BUDGET CUTS WOULD SINK IT STRAIGHT TO THE BOTTOM, AND THIS IS AN IDEA THAT HAS OUTRAGED MANY PEOPLE. NBC BAY AREA'S TRACI GRANT REPORTED LIVE FROM SAN FRANCISCO WHERE HUNDREDS GATHERED TO PROTEST THE CUTS. THE LARGE CROWD PLEADED WITH THE GOVERNOR NOT TO PUT THE SCHOOLS ON THIS BUDGET CUT ROLLERCOASTER ALL OVER AGAIN. THE PROTESTERS ARE ANGRY AT THE PROSPECT OF BUDGET CUTS THAT SOME SAY COULD DAMAGE SCHOOL DISTRICTS ACROSS THE STATE. GOVERNOR SCHWARZENEGGER'S RECOMMENDATIONS WOULD CUT 10.8 BILLION DOLLARS OUT OF THE STATE'S EDUCATION FUNDING, THAT'S 60 MILLION DOLLARS FROM THE SAN FRANCISCO'S PUBLIC SCHOOLS ALONE. TEACHERS ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF AND PARENTS SAY THEY'RE STILL LICKING THEIR WOUNDS FROM LAST YEAR'S CUTS AND LAYOFFS AND THEY CAN'T AFFORD TO DO IT AGAIN.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 02/03/09 REPORTED THAT SCHOOLS CHIEF JACK O'CONNELL IS WEIGHING IN ON THE SCHOOL CRISIS AS WELL. HE AGREES WITH PARENTS THAT THE CUTS TO EDUCATION WOULD IRREPARABLY HURT CALIFORNIA SCHOOLS. HOWEVER, THE GOVERNOR SAYS HE'S INCREASED FUNDING FOR EDUCATION EVERY YEAR HE'S BEEN IN OFFICE

AND THAT ROUGHLY FORTY PERCENT OF EVERY DOLLAR THE STATE SPENDS GOES TO SCHOOLS.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 02/09/09 REPORTED THAT A SCHOOL IN SAN FRANCISCO IS SHOWING WOMEN HOW TO EXPLORE THEIR SEXY SIDE, OFFERING CLASSES IN THE LOST ART OF BURLESQUE. NBC BAY AREA'S BOB REDELL TOOK US TO THE SCHOOL OF SHIMMY REPORTING THAT YOU CAN SIGN UP FOR THE NEXT SESSION OF THE "SCHOOL OF SHIMMY" BY LOGGING ONTO: RED- HOTS- BURLESQUE- DOT- COM. EACH CLASS IS 30 DOLLARS.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 11:00-11:30PM 03/17/2009 REPORTED THAT THE POPE TALKED ABOUT CONDOMS FOR THE FIRST TIME SAYING THEY SHOULDN'T BE USED TO STOP THE AIDS EPIDEMIC. POPE BENEDICT REAFFIRMED THE VATICAN'S STANCE AGAINST THE USE OF CONDOMS, AS HE TRAVELED ON HIS PLANE TO AFRICA FOR THE FIRST TIME. HE SAID CONDOMS ARE NOT THE ANSWER TO AFRICA'S BATTLE AGAINST HIV AND AIDS AND THAT IT WOULD ONLY MAKE THE PROBLEM WORSE. THE POPE ADDED THE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH IS LEADING THE FIGHT AGAINST AIDS AND THAT A QUOTE.. 'A RESPONSIBLE AND MORAL ATTITUDE TOWARD SEX' WOULD HELP FIGHT THE DISEASE.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 03/31/09 REPORTED THAT ADMISSIONS OFFICIALS AT U-C SAN DIEGO ARE RED-FACED TONIGHT AFTER ACCIDENTALLY SENDING OUT A WELCOMING E-MAIL TO 29-THOUSAND APPLICANTS WHO HAD BEEN TURNED AWAY BY THE UNIVERSITY. THE ERRONEOUS E-MAIL WAS SENT OUT MONDAY AFTERNOON. IT WAS ONLY SUPPOSED TO GO OUT TO THE 18-THOUSAND STUDENTS WHO HAVE BEEN ACCEPTED BY THE UNIVERSITY. TWO HOURS AFTER THE ERROR, OFFICIALS SENT OUT ANOTHER MASS E-MAIL TO APOLOGIZE FOR THE DISTRESS THEIR MISTAKE MAY HAVE CAUSED.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 03/31/09 REPORTED THAT CESAR CHAVEZ DIED IN 1993 AND WOULD HAVE TURNED 82 YEARS OLD TODAY, AND STUDENTS IN ONE BAY AREA COMMUNITY REMEMBERED THE UNITED FARM WORKERS UNION LEADER WITH A PLEDGE TO GET MORE INVOLVED WITH COMMUNITY AND FAMILY. AT SAN LEANDRO HIGH SCHOOL AND JOHN MUIR MIDDLE SCHOOL THIS MORNING, STUDENTS CONCLUDED A 10-WEEK STUDENT-LED PROGRAM DESIGNED TO INSTILL PRINCIPLES OF PEACE AND NON-VIOLENCE. CHAVEZ'S GRANDSON WAS THERE TO APPLAUD THE STUDENTS EFFORTS.

ENVIRONMENT

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 1/8/2009 REPORTED THAT FOLSOM IS NOW HOME TO ONE OF THE MOST ENERGY EFFICIENT HOMES IN THE NATION. BOB WALTER BUILT THE HOME IN SUBURBAN SACRAMENTO IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE LOCAL UTILITY DISTRICT. HE SAYS EXTRA INSULATION MAKES THE HOUSE SIMILAR TO A THERMOS BOTTLE SO IT'S CHEAP BOTH TO HEAT, AND TO COOL. IN FACT, IT USES 80-PERCENT LESS ENERGY THAN TRADITIONAL HOMES.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 1/8/2009 REPORTED THAT IN THE GARBAGE BUSINESS THERE'S A VERY PARTICULAR RECOVERY EFFORT GOING ON TO KEEP EVERY BOTTLE AND CAN AWAY FROM THE ULTIMATE RESTING PLACE. PROTECTING THE ENVIRONMENT IS WHAT WE ALL TRY TO DO WHEN WE USE OUR RECYCLE BINS BUT NOW A NEW STUDY BY A SAN FRANCISCO CORPORATE WATCHDOG GROUP IS MAKING SURE AMERICA'S LARGEST BEVERAGE COMPANIES ARE DOING THEIR PART AS WELL. "AS YOU SOW" ANALYZED 16 COMPANIES AND LOOKED AT THINGS LIKE THEIR RECYCLING EFFORTS, TRANSPARENCY AND REDUCING THE AMOUNT OF MATERIALS IN THEIR BOTTLES AND CANS. NINE COMPANIES SUCH AS STARBUCKS, DOCTOR PEPPER/SNAPPLE AND CRYSTAL GEYSER. COCA-COLA SCORED THE BEST, BUT EVEN SO THEIR GRADE WAS ONLY A "C", SO ACROSS THE BOARD THERE IS A LOT OF ROOM FOR IMPROVEMENT.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 1/13/2009 REPORTED THAT BAY AREA'S STEVEN CHU IMPRESSED SENATORS TODAY WITH HIS CREDENTIALS AND PLANS TO MOVE TOWARD ENERGY INDEPENDENCE, IF HE'S CONFIRMED AS OBAMA'S ENERGY SECRETARY. STEVEN CHU, WHO HEADS LAWRENCE BERKELEY NATIONAL LAB, TOLD THE ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE THE NATION'S DEPENDANCE ON FOREIGN OIL IS AN ECONOMIC AND SECURITY THREAT. CHU WANTS TO FAST-TRACK NUCLEAR POWER DEVELOPMENT, LOOK FOR WAYS TO MAKE COAL CLEANER, CHAMPION WIND AND SOLAR, AND TOLD SENATORS EXPANDING OFF-SHORE OIL EXPLORATION SHOULD BE PART OF A BROADER ENERGY PLAN. THE COMMITTEE COULD APPROVE CHU'S NOMINATION BY THE END OF THIS WEEK.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 1/13/2009 REPORTED THAT FIREFIGHTERS HAD TO SHUT DOWN A BUSY STREET IN SAN FRANCISCO'S SOUTH OF MARKET DISTRICT TODAY BECAUSE OF A GAS LEAK. P, G AND E OFFICIALS SAY THE UNDERGROUND LEAK WAS REPORTED AROUND 6:30 THIS MORNING, BY PEOPLE WHO SMELLED GAS. CREWS WORKED INTO THE DAY TRYING TO FIX THE LEAK, WHICH SHUT DOWN PARTS OF FREMONT STREET. AS A PRECAUTION, GAS SERVICE WAS SHUT DOWN TO A NEARBY BUILDING. NO INJURIES, WERE REPORTED.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 02/03/09 REPORTED THAT CALIFORNIA VINTNERS SAY THEY ARE IN TROUBLE IN WHICH THE LACK OF RAIN MAY MEAN SMALLER CROPS AND AN IFFY HARVEST IN THE FALL. RAIN PROTECTS GRAPES FROM FREEZING IN THE WINTER, NO RAIN LEAVES CROPS WITH NO DEFENSE. GROWERS IN NAPA ARE TRIMMING VINES AND MOWING GROUND COVER TO KEEP VINES FROM FIGHTING FOR WATER. RIGHT NOW THAT'S ALL GROWERS SAY THEY CAN DO. NAPA VALLEY GROWERS ARE HOLDING OUT HOPE FOR A WET FEBRUARY AND MARCH.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 02/03/09 REPORTED THAT PEOPLE IN SAN MATEO ARE ON THE LOOKOUT FOR A MOUNTAIN LION. YESTERDAY SOMEONE NOT ONLY SPOTTED A BIG CAT, THEY SHOT VIDEO OF IT. THE LION WAS WALKING UP CLAREMONT STREET, NEAR PENINSULA AVENUE

NOT TOO FAR FROM 101 JUST BEFORE FIVE. IT'S THE FOURTH MOUNTAIN LION SIGHTING IN SAN MATEO COUNTY IN THE PAST WEEK.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 02/03/09 REPORTED THAT THERE IS GOING TO BE NO CRABBING FROM BAY AREA FISHERMEN. THEY ARE FINALLY REACHED A SETTLEMENT WITH THE OWNERS OF THE COSCO BUSSAN. THE MASSIVE OIL SPILL IN NOVEMBER OF 2007 DELAYED THE OPENING OF THE DUNGENESS CRAB SEASON BY SEVERAL WEEKS. ALTHOUGH THE TERMS OF SETTLEMENT ARE CONFIDENTIAL, ATTORNEYS SAY 70 CRAB FISHERMAN RECEIVED PAYMENTS. THE DEAL MEANS FISHERMEN WILL NOT PURSUE A LAWSUIT AGAINST THE COSCO BUSSAN'S OWNERS. HOWEVER, THEY ARE MOVING FORWARD WITH LAWSUITS AGAINST THE PILOT, THE PILOT ASSOCIATION AND THE STATE.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 02/09/09 REPORTED THAT THE CITY OF SAN JOSE IS HOPING FOR 20 MILLION IN STIMULUS FUNDS TO REPLACE ITS UNPOPULAR YELLOW STREET LIGHTS. THE MERCURY NEWS IS REPORTING THE CITY WANTS TO INVEST IN A HIGH-TECH, ENERGY-EFFICIENT WHITE LIGHT SYSTEM, POWERED BY SOLAR PANELS. THE LIGHTS' INTENSITY WOULD BE ADJUSTABLE, LETTING THE CITY DIM THEM SLIGHTLY WHEN LICK OBSERVATORY TELESCOPES ARE IN USE.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 02/09/09 REPORTED THAT THE DEADLY WILDFIRES RIPPING THROUGH AUSTRALIA HAVE NOW KILLED MORE THAN 170 PEOPLE. SEVERAL OF THE 400 FIRES ARE STILL BURNING AND NOW AUSTRALIAN OFFICIALS SAY SOME OF THEM MAY HAVE BEEN INTENTIONALLY SET. NBC'S SARA JAMES REPORTED LIVE FROM THE LAND DOWN UNDER AND IT'S DEVESTATION. AN ESTIMATED 60-THOUSAND FIRES BURN IN AUSTRALIA'S FORESTS AND OTHER VEGETATION EACH YEAR AND EXPERTS SAY ABOUT HALF ARE DELIBERATELY SET OR ARE SUSPICIOUS.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 02/18/09 REPORTED THAT 2008 WAS NOT A GOOD YEAR FOR CALIFORNIA'S SALMON POPULATION. FEDERAL REGULATORS SAY JUST 66-THOUSAND CHINOOK OR "KING" SALMON RETURNED FROM THE PACIFIC OCEAN TO SPAWN IN THE SACRAMENTO RIVER. LAST YEAR WAS A RECORD-LOW NUMBER. WILD SALMON ARE DECLINING THROUGHOUT THE WEST. FISHERY MANAGEMENT OFFICIALS SAY CONSUMERS SHOULD EXPECT THE RECENT SEVERE RESTRICTIONS ON SALMON FISHING TO CONTINUE IN 2009.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 02/18/09 REPORTED THAT SAN FRANCISCO CONTINUES TO LEAD THE WAY AS IT POSITIONS ITSELF AS THE GREENEST CITY IN THE NATION. TODAY, MAYOR GAVIN NEWSOM UNVEILED ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING STATIONS IN FRONT OF CITY HALL. THE STATIONS WILL BE USED BY A NUMBER OF CAR SHARING ORGANIZATIONS AND BY THE CITY'S MUNICIPAL FLEET. NEWSOM SAYS PLUG-IN ELECTRIC CARS WILL CHANGE THE GAME WHEN IT COMES TO OIL DEPENDENCY. LAST MONTH, GENERAL MOTORS SAID IT WILL ROLL OUT ITS PLUG-IN CHEVY VOLT IN SAN FRANCISCO AND NISSAN NAMED THE BAY AREA A PRIME LOCATION FOR LAUNCHING ITS BATTERY POWERED CAR.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 11:00PM-11:30 PM 03/17/2009 REPORTED THAT THE COAST GUARD IS SEARCHING FOR A MAN WHO FELL INTO THE

RICHMOND MARINA. FIREFIGHTERS SAY A WITNESS REPORTED SEEING A MAN FALL INTO THE WATER, AS HE TRIED TO GO FROM A SMALLER DINGHY, TO A BIGGER BOAT JUST AFTER NINE TONIGHT. RESCUERS DO NOT KNOW IF THE PERSON WAS WEARING A LIFE JACKET. THE COAST GUARD IS SEARCHING THE AREA, BY BOAT AND BY HELICOPTER.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 11:00-11:30PM 03/17/2009 REPORTED THAT SAN FRANCISCO HAS 242 PARKS TO WATER. RIGHT NOW, THEY GET FRESH WATER IN HETCH HETCHY DRINKING WATER BUT AFTER YEARS OF DEBATE THE CITY IS FINALLY MOVING FORWARD WITH A RECYCLED WATER IRRIGATION PROGRAM. PEOPLE ALL OVER THE BAY AREA ARE BEING ASKED TO CONSERVE WATER. SAN FRANCISCO'S REC AND PARK DEPARTMENT ADMITS OLD IRRIGATION SYSTEMS IN MORE THAN 200 PARKS ARE WASTING PRECIOUS HETCH HETCHY DRINKING WATER. REC AND PARKS USES 2.5 MILLION GALLONS OF WATER A DAY IN GOLDEN GATE PARK ALONE. SUPERVISOR ROSS MIRKARIMI SPONSORED LEGISLATION THAT WILL TURN OFF THE FRESH WATER TAP FOR IRRIGATING PARKS AND DELIVER RECYCLED WATER. IN 2002 VOTERS APPROVED AND FUNDED RECYCLED WATER PROGRAMS FOR GOLDEN GATE PARK AND CITY GOLF COURSES. 7 YEARS LATER THOSE PROJECTS WILL NOW MOVE FORWARD. THE SF PUC WILL ALSO TAKE A LOOK AT WHERE IT CAN COMBINE AN UPGRADE OF THE FRESH WATER DELIVERY SYSTEM WITH A NEW RECYCLED WATER DELIVERY SYSTEM. IT'S AN IDEA FOR WHICH CUSTOMERS WILL PAY.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 03/31/09 REPORTED THAT THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY WILL CHECK THE AIR OUTSIDE A BAY AREA SCHOOL TO SEE IF IT'S TOXIC. STEVENS CREEK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL IN CUPERTINO IS ONE OF 62 SCHOOLS ACROSS THE COUNTRY THAT WILL BE INCLUDED IN THE EPA'S STUDY. USING AIR MONITORS THE AGENCY WILL TEST FOR EVIDENCE OF TOXIC CHEMICALS, SUCH AS BENZINE, MANGANESE AND CHROMIUM. CHILDREN EXPOSED TO THESE CHEMICALS ARE AT RISK OF ORGAN DAMAGE, CANCER, OR DELAYED DEVELOPMENT. THE HEAD OF THE EPA PROMISES SWIFT ACTION TO PROTECT CHILDREN WHILE THEY ARE AT SCHOOL. THE TESTING IS EXPECTED TO COST MORE THAN TWO MILLION DOLLARS.

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NBC bay area, BAY AREA VISTA, 10:00 AM 1/04/2009 featured AN INTERVIEW WITH GLORIA DUFFY, PRESIDENT AND CEO OF THE COMMONWEALTH CLUB. GLORIA DISCUSSED THE QUICK APPOINTMENT OF THE MAJOR CABINET POSITIONS BY THE OBAMA ADMINISTRATION. SHE ALSO DISCUSSED THE BOLD GOALS OF THE INCOMING PRESIDENT, AND THE ACTIONS THAT MUST BE TAKEN TO MEET THOSE GOALS. DR. DUFFY ALSO ADRESSED THE POSSIBLE CONFLICTS OF INTERESTS BETWEEN THE NEWLY APPOINTED MEMBERS OF THE ADMINISTRATION. DUFFY SAYS THAT AS LONG AS OBAMA MAINTAINS THE TRANSPARENCY OF HIS ADMINISTRATION, CONFLICTS OF INTERESTS WILL NOT BECOME A HINDERANCE. GLORIA DUFFY ALSO TALKED ABOUT THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE RACIAL DIVERSITY RACIAL DIVERSITY THAT THE OBAMA PRESIDENCY INSPIRES.

NBC BAY AREA, BAY AREA VISTA, 10:00 AM - 10:30 AM 1/04/2009 FEATURED A DISCUSSION BETWEEN JAMES TAYLOR, PH. D., RON TAKAKI, PH. D., AND DAWN-ELISSA FISCHER, PH.D ABOUT THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE ELECTION OF THE FIRST BLACK PRESIDENT, AND THE PRESIDENTIAL TRANSITION. THE PANEL EXPRESSES THE EUPHORIA AND PRIDE THEY FELT WHEN OBAMA WAS ELECTED, SAYING THAT THE ELECTION OF A BLACK PRESIDENT IS CULTURALLY AND HISTORICALLY SIGNIFICANT. SPECIFICALLY, RON TAKAKI SAYS THAT OBAMA'S VICTORY HAS INITIATED A MORE INCLUSIVE IDEA OF AMERICAN HISTORY, SUGGESTING THAT OBAMA IS CHALLENGING THE MASTER NARRATIVE OF AMERICAN HISTORY. ALSO, DAWN-ELISSA FISCHER SAYS THAT THE POLITICAL ACTION OF THE YOUNGER GENERATION OF STUDENTS AND YOUNG PROFESSIONALS HAS NOT STOPPED SINCE NOVEMBER 4TH, AND SHE SAYS THAT THEY ARE INFACCT CONCERNED AND WORKING TO INFLUENCE THE APPOINTMENT OF THE CABINET OFFICIALS. JAMES TAYLOR SAYS THAT OBAMA REPRESENTS THE POTENTIAL THAT AMERICA HAS AS A NATION, AND HE SAYS THAT IT PROVES THAT WHEN THE PEOPLE PUSH, AND WORK TO BE HEARD, CHANGE CAN HAPPEN. RON TAKAKI ALSO SAYS THAT HE SEES OBAMA'S PRESIDENCY AS BEING INSPIRATION FOR AMERICANS TO EMBRACE THEIR BLENDED RACES, AS FREDERIC DOUGLASS DID WHEN HE SAID, "I BELONG TO A BLENDED RACE."

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 1/8/2009 REPORTED THAT A PANEL OF LAWMAKERS IN ILLINOIS SAID THAT ROD BLAGOJEVICH IS "NOT FIT TO BE GOVERNOR." RECOMMENDING LATE TODAY HE BE IMPEACHED FOR ABUSE OF POWER. JUST HOURS EARLIER, THE PANEL HEARD TESTIMONY FROM ROLAND BURRIS, HE'S THE MAN BLAGOJEVICH APPOINTED TO THE SENATE, AFTER BEING ARRESTED FOR TRYING TO PROFIT FROM IT. BURRIS INSISTS NOTHING WAS EXCHANGED FOR HIS APPOINTMENT. THE ILLINOIS HOUSE COULD VOTE ON BLAGOJEVICH'S IMPEACHMENT AS EARLY AS TOMORROW. NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 1/8/2009 REPORTED THAT ALSO IN WASHINGTON VIRGINIA GOVERNOR TIM KAINE WAS NAMED THE NEW CHAIRMAN OF THE DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL COMMITTEE, REPLACING HOWARD DEAN. KAINE WILL WORK TWO JOBS UNTIL HIS TERM AS GOVERNOR IS UP IN 2010 AND CONFIRMATION HEARINGS BEGAN FOR HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES SECRETARY NOMINEE TOM DASCHLE TODAY, WITH HIS APPROVAL CONSIDERED A FORMALITY.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 1/8/2009 REPORTED THAT THERE WAS A FORMALITY TO BE TAKEN CARE OF ON BARACK OBAMA'S MARCH TO THE WHITE HOUSE. CONGRESS CERTIFIED THE ELECTORAL COLLEGE VOTES AND OFFICIALLY DECLARED THAT OBAMA WOULD BECOME THE NATION'S 44TH PRESIDENT. AT ABOUT THE SAME TIME, OBAMA WAS CONFRONTING HIS BIGGEST CHALLENGE AS THE NATION'S CHIEF EXECUTIVE TO BE. THE STAGGERING ECONOMY HAS 4.6 MILLION AMERICANS ON UNEMPLOYMENT ROLLS, AND THE NUMBERS, OBAMA WARNED, ARE GETTING WORSE. SO TODAY, HE URGED CONGRESS AND AMERICANS TO GET BEHIND HIS ECONOMIC STIMULUS PLAN. OBAMA WANTS TO SPEND THE BULK OF HIS TRILLION DOLLAR RESCUE PACKAGE ON TAX CUTS AND JOBS, PROMISING A THOUSAND DOLLAR TAX BREAK FOR 95% OF AMERICAN FAMILIES, AND JOBS TO INSULATE FEDERAL BUILDINGS AND MILLIONS OF HOMES, TO REPAIR BRIDGES AND ROADS,

TO EXPAND THE USE OF SOLAR AND WIND POWER AND BUILD A NEW ENERGY GRID TO HANDLE IT. ADOPTION OF THE PACKAGE IS A MUST, SAYS HOUSE SPEAKER NANCY PELOSI, BUT SOME DEMOCRATS DON'T LIKE THE TAX BREAKS FOR BUSINESSES, AND REPUBLICANS ARE CONCERNED ABOUT THE SIZE OF THE PLAN. THE PRESIDENT-ELECT SAYS THE SITUATION WILL BE WORSE IF CONGRESS DOES NOTHING.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 1/8/2009 REPORTED THAT CALIFORNIA'S CASH CRISIS IS GETTING WORSE WITH NO SIGNS OF COMPROMISE AT THE STATE CAPITOL BUT LAWMAKERS COULD SOON BE PAYING THE PRICE WITH THEIR OWN PAYCHECKS IF THEY DON'T CUT A BUDGET DEAL SOON. RECENT POLLS SHOW CALIFORNIANS ARE FED UP WITH THE LEGISLATURE. APPROVAL RATINGS ARE WAY DOWN, WHILE PUBLIC ANGER IS ON THE RISE AND NOW THERE'S A CHANCE FOR THE PUBLIC TO HAVE SOME PAYBACK. A GRASS ROOTS MOVEMENT HAS EMERGED TO PUNISH LAWMAKERS FOR FAILING TO REACH A BUDGET ON TIME, IN TWENTY-SEVEN OF THE LAST 31 YEARS. EVEN THOUGH THE CONSTITUTION REQUIRES LAWMAKERS TO ADOPT A BALANCED BUDGET BY JUNE 15TH EACH YEAR THERE ARE NO CONSEQUENCES IF THEY DON'T SO NOW THE CALIFORNIA GRANGE, A FRATERNAL ORGANIZATION, IS FLOATING A BALLOT MEASURE THAT WOULD FORCE LEGISLATORS TO LOSE THEIR SALARIES, BENEFITS AND EXPENSES FOR EVERY DAY THEY ARE LATE. AND CAPITOL VISITORS WE TALKED TO TODAY SEEM VERY SUPPORTIVE. THE ORGANIZERS NEED THREE MILLION DOLLARS AND SEVEN HUNDRED THOUSAND SIGNATURES TO GET THEIR MEASURE ON THE BALLOT.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 1/13/2009 REPORTED THAT BACK IN THE SENATE, SEEKING CONFIRMATION AS SECRETARY OF STATE, HILLARY CLINTON PROMISED THE U.S. GOVERNMENT WILL BE MORE FLEXIBLE UNDER BARACK OBAMA THAN UNDER GEORGE BUSH. THAT'S A POLITE WAY OF SAYING NO MORE IRAQS, NO MORE GUANTANAMO BAYS, NO MORE FLAT REFUSAL TO TALK ONE-ON-ONE WITH IRAN OR WITH THE NORTH KOREANS ABOUT NUCLEAR WEAPONS, BUT NO NEW APPROACH SIGNALLED ON THE MIDDLE EAST, AS ISRAELI TANKS TODAY PUSH DEEPER INTO GAZA AND HAMAS KEEPS FIRING ROCKETS AT ISRAEL. THE OBAMA TEAM IS FOCUSED ON THE ECONOMY. REPUBLICANS CALLED CONFIRMATION OF OBAMA'S DESIGNATED TREASURY SECRETARY, TIM GEITHNER, INTO QUESTION BECAUSE THE FORMER NEW YORK FEDERAL RESERVE CHAIRMAN FAILED TO PAY SOME TAXES. BUT DEMOCRATS JUMPED TO GEITHNER'S DEFENSE. MEANWHILE BARACK OBAMA CAME TO CAPITOL HILL LOBBYING FOR THE BANKING BAILOUT AND HIS STIMULUS PLAN OPPOSED BY SOME DEMOCRATS A WEEK BEFORE HE'S SWORN IN, OBAMA'S IN A STRUGGLE OVER THE ECONOMY WHICH LEAVES HILLARY CLINTON CENTER STAGE ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 1/13/2009 REPORTED THAT OAKLAND MAYOR RON DELLUMS SAYS HE'LL PLAY A BIGGER ROLE IN MAKING CITY GOVERNMENT MORE EFFICIENT. DELLUMS UNVEILED A PLAN THAT SPELLS OUT A "STRONG MAYOR" FORM OF GOVERNMENT. FORMER CITY MANAGER ROBERT BOBB HEADED UP A COMPREHENSIVE REVIEW OF OAKLAND'S CITY SERVICES. HE SAYS DELLUMS MUST BE MORE VISIBLE TO THE COMMUNITY AND HE SHOULD USE HIS STRONG MAYOR POWERS TO HELP MAKE OAKLAND A

MODEL CITY THAT INCLUDES BYPASSING EVEN THE POLICE CHIEF IF NECESSARY. THE MAYOR SAYS HE'S READY TO ANNOUNCE SOME MAJOR HIRINGS AND FIRINGS IN THE COMING WEEKS, INCLUDING NAMING A PERMANENT CITY ADMINISTRATOR. CITY COUNCIL PRESIDENT JANE BRUNNER SAYS SHE LOOKS FORWARD TO THE CHANGES. THE MAYOR SAYS HE'LL DO WHAT IT TAKES TO MAKE SURE HIS VISION IS CARRIED OUT.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 1/13/2009 REPORTED THAT GOVERNOR SCHWARZENEGGER AND TOP LEGISLATIVE LEADERS ARE IN DEEP NEGOTIATIONS, TRYING TO BREAK THE STATE BUDGET LOGJAM. THE SO-CALLED 'BIG FIVE SPENT', MOST OF TODAY BEHIND CLOSED DOORS. THE STATE'S DEFICIT IS NOW APPROACHING EIGHT BILLION DOLLARS WHICH IS EXPECTED TO MULTIPLY BY FIVE BY JUNE OF 2010 UNLESS DEMOCRATS AND REPUBLICANS CAN AGREE ON A COMPROMISE THAT WOULD LIKELY INCLUDE HIGHER TAXES AND DEEPER PROGRAM CUTS. CALIFORNIA IS EXPECTED TO RUN OUT OF CASH BY FEBRUARY FIRST AND AT THAT POINT, I-O-Us MAY REPLACE VENDOR PAYMENTS, EMPLOYEE PAYCHECKS, AND TAX REFUNDS.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 1/13/2009 REPORTED THAT CAPITOL DEMOCRATS ARE JUBILANT ABOUT CHANGING THE WAY CALIFORNIA OVERSEES THE FOOD SUPPLY THROUGH A NEWLY NAMED SENATE COMMITTEE ON FOOD AND AGRICULTURE. PROP TWO, PASSED BY VOTERS LAST FALL, CALLS FOR THE BANNING OF CAGES FOR CALIFORNIA CHICKENS STARTING IN 2015. IT'S JUST PART OF THE NEW FOCUS AT THE CAPITOL BY DEMOCRATS WHO SAY ANIMALS AND PEOPLE NEED GREATER PROTECTION AS EVIDENCED BY THESE SICK COWS THAT ENTERED THE NATION'S FOOD SUPPLY FROM A CALIFORNIA SLAUGHTERHOUSE CAPTURED ON THIS UNDERCOVER VIDEO BY THE HUMANE SOCIETY OF THE UNITED STATES. BUT TOUGHER REGULATIONS OF FARMING COULD LEAD TO HIGHER PRICES THAT CONSUMERS PAY AT THE STORE. AGRICULTURE IS, OF COURSE, CALIFORNIA'S TOP INDUSTRY, BUT SO FAR THERE'S LITTLE OPPOSITION FROM DAIRY FARMERS OR OTHER PRODUCERS AROUND THE STATE. IN FACT, THEY SEE THE CHANGE AS NOT A CHALLENGE, BUT AS AN OPPORTUNITY. THE NEW COMMITTEE BEGINS HEARINGS NEXT MONTH.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM 01/14/2009 REPORTED THAT PROTEST ORGANIZERS SAID ONE THOUSAND PEOPLE WOULD FILL THE PLAZA IN FRONT OF OAKLAND'S CITY HALL. ORGANIZERS GOT THEIR ONE THOUSAND AND MAYBE MORE WITH THE COALITION OF GROUPS HOLDING A RALLY TONIGHT IN HONOR OF OSCAR GRANT. TONIGHT THEY PRAYED FOR PEACE- HOPING SOME OF LAST WEEK'S VIOLENCE WOULD NOT ERUPT DURING THE PEACEFUL MARCH.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM 01/14/2009 REPORTED DEVELOPING NEWS IN THE BUDGET CRISIS. THE U-C BOARD OF REGENTS HAS VOTED TO CUT UNDERGRADUATE ENROLLMENT, TO DEAL WITH THE GROWING BUDGET DEFICIT. THE PLAN WILL REDUCE FRESHMEN ENROLLMENT BY 23-HUNDRED STUDENTS FOR THE NEXT ACADEMIC YEAR. IT'LL ALSO FREEZE SALARIES FOR TOP ADMINISTRATORS FOR THE REMAINDER OF THIS ACADEMIC YEAR, AS WELL AS THE COMING YEAR. MEANWHILE IN SACRAMENTO, TOP DEMOCRATIC LEADERS ARE FEELING OPTIMISTIC ABOUT REACHING A BUDGET DEAL SOON. ASSEMBLY SPEAKER KAREN BASS AND SENATE PRO TEM DARRELL STEINBERG SAY THEY'RE MAKING PROGRESS IN THE NEGOTIATIONS AND ARE DOWN TO

THE FINAL DETAILS. BASS SAYS THEY'RE FEELING THE PRESSURE TO HAVE AN AGREEMENT BY THE END OF JANUARY. THE LEGISLATURE'S INDEPENDENT BUDGET ANALYST RELEASED A REPORT TODAY THAT CONFIRMED THE STATE WILL START ISSUING I-O-U'S IN ABOUT TWO WEEKS, IF THEY DON'T REACH A BUDGET DEAL. THAT MEANS IF YOU'RE EXPECTING A TAX REFUND, YOU MIGHT GET AN I-O-U INSTEAD OF A CHECK. THE STATE IS REQUIRED TO FIRST PAY SCHOOLS AND INTEREST PAYMENTS ON BONDS.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM 01/14/2009 REPORTED THAT SAN JOSE MAYOR CHUCK REED SAYS HARD DECISIONS WILL BE REQUIRED TO CLOSE HIS CITY'S BUDGET SHORTFALL. REED TOLD THE AUDIENCE AT HIS STATE OF THE CITY SPEECH THIS MORNING, THAT SHRINKING REVENUE SOURCES AND RISING COSTS HAVE LEFT THE CITY WITH A 60-MILLION DOLLAR SHORTFALL. HE SAID LAYOFFS AND SERVICE CUTS ARE LIKELY, BUT HE THINKS THE CITY CAN EMERGE FROM THE RECESSION STRONGER. PLANS INCLUDE SUPPORTING INITIATIVES TO CREATE JOBS, SPECIFICALLY IN CLEAN-TECH. ENCOURAGING GROWTH IN DOWNTOWN SAN JOSE BY ATTRACTING RESIDENTS TO NEW HOUSING. ENCOURAGE LOCAL SHOPPING TO KEEP SALES TAX IN TOWN. REED ALSO ENCOURAGES THE COMMUNITY TO HELP PEOPLE IN NEED, AND TO SUPPORT SCHOOLS AND ARTS ORGANIZATIONS TO SURVIVE THE RECESSION.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00 PM 01/14/2009 REPORTED THAT PRESIDENT ELECT OBAMA SAYS AN EMBARRASSING TAX MISTAKE SHOULDN'T KEEP HIS PICK FOR TREASURY SECRETARY FROM TAKING THE POST. THE SENATE POST-PONED TIMOTHY GEITHNER'S CONFIRMATION HEARING AFTER REVELATIONS HE FAILED TO PAY 34-THOUSAND DOLLARS IN TAXES ON INCOME FROM THE INTERNATIONAL MONETARY FUND. IF CONFIRMED, GEINTHER WOULD BE THE POINT PERSON ON THE BANKING BAILOUT AND OBAMA'S STIMULUS PLAN. BOTH FACE COMPLICATIONS IN CONGRESS, WITH SOME REPUBLICANS HOLDING OUT ON THE SECOND HALF OF THE TARP FUNDS AND ARGUING ON BOTH SIDES OVER THE PLAN'S SIZE AND ITS BALANCE OF JOB CREATION VERSES TAX CUTS.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM 01/14/2009 REPORTED THAT PRESIDENT-ELECT BARACK OBAMA SAYS HE PLANS TO OVERTURN A SIGNIFICANT MILITARY POLICY IN THE WEEKS TO COME. HE SAYS HE WILL END THE CONTROVERSIAL "DON'T ASK DON'T TELL" POLICY ONCE IN OFFICE. FOR 15 YEARS, THE POLICY HAS PREVENTED HOMOSEXUAL AND BISEXUAL MEN AND WOMEN FROM SERVING OPENLY IN THE U-S MILITARY. PRESIDENT BILL CLINTON APPROVED THE POLICY IN 1993.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM 01/14/2009 REPORTED THAT PRESIDENT BUSH WILL DELIVER A FAREWELL ADDRESS TOMORROW NIGHT. IT'S A TRADITION FOR OUTGOING PRESIDENTS. THE WHITE HOUSE SAYS THE PRESIDENT WILL SURVEY HIS OWN TERM IN OFFICE, AND LOOK FORWARD AS BARACK OBAMA PREPARES TO TAKE OFFICE.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 01/14/2009 REPORTED THAT PRESIDENT-ELECT OBAMA'S PICK FOR HEAD OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY IS PROMISING TO MAKE DECISIONS BASED ON SCIENCE.

AND THAT COULD BE A BOON TO CALIFORNIA. LISA JACKSON SAID TODAY, SHE WOULD IMMEDIATELY REVIEW THE BUSH ADMINISTRATION'S DECISION TO BLOCK CALIFORNIA FROM LIMITING GREENHOUSE GASES. IF CONFIRMED, CALIFORNIA'S PLAN, WHICH WAS ADOPTED BY NEARLY A DOZEN OTHER STATES, WOULD FORCE AUTOMAKERS TO CUT EMISSIONS BY 30 PERCENT STARTING IN 2009. BUT THE STATES NEEDED APPROVAL FROM THE GOVERNMENT, BECAUSE THE PLAN IS STRICTER THAN FEDERAL STANDARDS.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 1/19/09 REPORTED THAT HERE AT HOME, MILLIONS WILL WATCH HISTORY IN THE MAKING ON T-V TOMORROW MORNING. DOZENS OF INAUGURATION VIEWING PARTIES WILL BE GOING ON AROUND THE BAY AREA. IN SAN FRANCISCO, YOU CAN JOIN OTHER EARLY MORNING REVELERS AT THE YERBA BUENA GARDENS AT 8, THE CIVIC CENTER PLAZA STARTING AT 7, OR THE MAIN LIBRARY BEGINNING AT 9. HERE IN THE SOUTH BAY, THE FESTIVITIES AT SAN JOSE CITY COLLEGE'S STUDENT CENTER GET STARTED AT 8 AM.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 1/19/09 REPORTED THAT TENS OF THOUSANDS HAVE FLOCKED TO THE NATION'S CAPITOL TO CELEBRATE TOMORROW'S HISTORIC INAUGURATION OF BARACK OBAMA. ON THIS DAY, THE PRESIDENT-ELECT ENCOURAGED AMERICANS TO GET INVOLVED IN HONOR OF DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. MANY IN THE GATHERING CROWD HERE IN WASHINGTON SEE RACIAL MEANING-A CIVIL RIGHTS MESSAGE IN KING'S BIRTHDAY BEING TODAY AND BARACK OBAMA'S INAUGURATION BEING TOMORROW. BUT THE PRESIDENT ELECT JUST SAID: THIS IS NOT A DAY TO PAUSE AND REFLECT. IT'S A DAY TO TAKE ACTION, JUST AS DR. KING DID. STEVE HANDESLMAN REPORTED FROM WASHINGTON THAT SECURITY WILL BE TIGHT. THAT MAY BE AN UNDER-STATEMENT. THE EFFORT IS UNPRECEDENTED. THOUGH FEDERAL AGENTS SAY THEY KNOW OF NO CREDIBLE THREATS, THEY DO RECOGNIZE THE UNIQUE SECURITY CHALLENGES OF PROTECTING THE FIRST AFRICAN-AMERICAN TO TAKE THE OATH. SECRET SERVICE IS RUNNING POINT, WITH THOUSANDS OF POLICE OFFICERS, F-B-I AGENTS, AND NATIONAL GUARD TROOPS, PATROLLING FROM LAND, THE WATER AND FROM THE AIR. THE CROWDS ATTENDING WILL GO THROUGH TIGHT SCREENING-A SMALL INCONVENIENCE FOR THE PEOPLE COMING FROM ALL OVER TO WITNESS HISTORY. CROWD ESTIMATES FOR TOMORROW RUN FROM ONE TO TWO MILLION PEOPLE. SECURITY CONCERNS NOTWITHSTANDING, THERE IS OBVIOUSLY A GREAT DEAL OF GOODWILL AROUND THE COUNTRY FOR BARACK OBAMA. BUT ONCE THE INAUGURAL BALLS ARE OVER, HE FACES ENORMOUS CHALLENGES.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 1/19/09 REPORTED THAT IN AN INTERVIEW WITH NBC BAY AREA, THE NEW HOST OF "MEET THE PRESS," NBC'S DAVID GREGORY, SAID OBAMA'S WORK BEGINS WITH HIS INAUGURAL ADDRESS. AND THERE'S A LITTLE ADMINISTRATION TRIVIA THAT PROBABLY WASN'T INTENDED FOR PUBLIC CONSUMPTION. JOE BIDEN'S WIFE LET IT SLIP ON OPRAH TODAY THAT HER HUSBAND JOE, THE VICE-PRESIDENT IN WAITING, WOULD HAVE BEEN BARACK OBAMA'S SECRETARY OF STATE HAD HE PREFERRED THAT JOB. INSTEAD, HE TOOK THE OPTION TO BE VICE PRESIDENT, BECAUSE HE'D GET TO SPEND MORE TIME WITH HIS FAMILY. SO HILLARY CLINTON WILL BE THE SECRETARY OF STATE.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 1/22/2009 REPORTED THAT TODAY IS THE 36TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE SUPREME COURT'S RULING ON ROE VS. WADE. ABORTION OPPONENTS MARKED THE ANNIVERSARY WITH A RALLY AT THE STATE CAPITOL. GROUPS LIKE THE 'CALIFORNIA PRO-LIFE COUNCIL' WORRY ABOUT POLITICAL SETBACKS UNDER PRESIDENT BARACK OBAMA, WHO SUPPORTS ABORTION RIGHTS. THE NATIONAL RIGHT TO LIFE COMMITTEE ESTIMATES 40 MILLION ABORTIONS HAVE BEEN PERFORMED IN THE US, SINCE THE 1973 ROE VERSUS WADE RULING.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 1/22/2009 REPORTED THAT THE FULL SENATE COULD VOTE ON THE NOMINATION OF TIMOTHY GEITHNER, AS TREASURY SECRETARY, AS EARLY AS TOMORROW. THE SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE APPROVED THE NOMINATION TODAY BY AN 18-TO-5 VOTE. THE FIVE DISSENTERS, ALL REPUBLICANS, QUESTIONED PUTTING GEITHNER IN CHARGE OF TREASURY INCLUDING THE IRS WHEN HE FAILED TO PAY 34-THOUSAND DOLLARS IN TAXES OVER FOUR YEARS. GEITHNER APOLOGIZED FOR THAT YESTERDAY, CALLING IT A "CARELESS MISTAKE."

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 1/22/2009 REPORTED THAT SENATOR DIANNE FEINSTEIN WANTS TO KNOW WHY SOME PEOPLE WHO HAD TICKETS TO THE INAUGURATION COULDN'T GET IN. THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE WITH A PURPLE OR BLUE TICKET IN HAND WERE DENIED ACCESS TO SEEING THE EVENT AND USHERED INTO AN UNDERGROUND TUNNEL. NOW, THE COMMITTEE FEINSTEIN CHAIRED SAYS IT'LL GIVE THOSE WHO MISSED THE CEREMONY, COMMEMORATIVE ITEMS FROM THE INAUGURATION. DETAILS WILL BE AVAILABLE ON THE JOINT CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEE'S WEBSITE NEXT WEEK.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 1/22/2009 REPORTED THAT REPORTS TONIGHT INDICATE CAROLINE KENNEDY WITHDREW HER BID FOR SENATOR OF NEW YORK BECAUSE OF PROBLEMS THAT CAME UP DURING THE VETTING PROCESS. A SOURCE TOLD THE NEW YORK TIMES THERE WERE CONCERNS ABOUT POSSIBLE TAX PROBLEMS AND ISSUES WITH THE FAMILY NANNY. NEW YORK GOVERNOR DAVID PATERSON IS EXPECTED TO FILL THE SENATE SEAT FRIDAY OR SATURDAY. THE FRONTRUNNERS ARE ATTORNEY GENERAL ANDREW CUOMO AND REPRESENTATIVE KIRSTEN GILLIBRAND.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 1/22/2009 REPORTED THAT BUDGET TALKS ARE BACK ON TRACK TODAY. LEGISLATIVE LEADERS MET WITH GOVERNOR SCHWARZENEGGER FOR A BIG FIVE SUMMIT AND IN THE STATE ASSEMBLY TODAY THERE WERE SIGNS OF PROGRESS. REPUBLICANS ARE ACTUALLY USING THE "T" WORD AS IN TAXES, EVEN THOUGH NEARLY ALL OF THEM HAVE SIGNED NO-TAX PLEDGES. REPUBLICANS WANT DEMOCRATS TO AGREE TO A HARD CAP ON SPENDING, SOMETHING NOW UNDER NEGOTIATION, ACCORDING TO ASSEMBLY SPEAKER KAREN BASS. LAWMAKERS ARE ALSO FACING ADDITIONAL PRESSURE TODAY ON A DIFFERENT FRONT, AS THE STATE'S FINANCIAL CREDIT RATING HAS GONE FROM BAD TO WORSE. THE STATE'S DEEPENING DEFICIT, NOW AT EIGHT POINT THREE BILLION DOLLARS TODAY HAS PROMPTED MOODY'S INVESTMENT SERVICES TO PUT CALIFORNIA ON A CREDIT WATCHLIST. CALIFORNIA'S CREDIT RATING IS NOW TIED FOR LAST PLACE

AMONGST ALL 50 STATES, AND NOT LIKELY TO IMPROVE, UNLESS A BUDGET SOLUTION COMES QUICKLY.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 1/27/2009 REPORTED THAT CALIFORNIA IS ABOUT TO FACE SOME VERY SERIOUS PROBLEMS BECAUSE OF THE BUDGET IMPASSE, AND YET, NO HINT OF COMPROMISE FROM SACRAMENTO. THE LEGISLATURE'S SPECIAL SESSION HAS SO FAR, FAILED TO PRODUCE ANY REAL RESULTS. GOVERNOR SCHWARZENEGGER MET TODAY WITH HIS TOP FINANCIAL ADVISORS, AFTER HEARING FROM LEGISLATURE LEADERS IN A BIG FIVE SUMMIT. CALIFORNIA COULD RUN OUT OF CASH AS SOON AS NEXT WEEK, A FACT THAT EVEN FOURTH GRADERS VISITING THE CAPITOL CAN GRASP. THERE IS FRUSTRATION BECAUSE IT'S BEEN 83 DAYS SINCE THE GOVERNOR DECLARED A FISCAL EMERGENCY AND THE STATE IS NOW THREE POINT THREE BILLION DOLLARS DEEPER IN DEBT. WHILE THE BIG FIVE ARE BUSY TODAY TRYING TO HAMMER OUT A BUDGET DEAL, TODAY IS JUST A CHECK IN DAY FOR THE REST OF THE LEGISLATURE. THAT MEANS THEY COLLECT THEIR \$173 IN DAILY EXPENSES, EVEN THOUGH THEY ARE NOT REALLY IN SESSION.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA NEWS 6:00PM-7:00PM 01/27/09 REPORTED THAT MEMBERS OF THE SAN FRANCISCO BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ARE DISCUSSING WHETHER TO TAKE IMMEDIATE STEPS TO STOP PROPOSED CUTS TO HEALTH CARE, SAVING SERVICE PROVIDER JOBS. MEMBERS OF THE 'COALITION TO SAVE PUBLIC HEALTH' GATHERED AT CITY HALL TODAY, TO PROTEST DEEP CUTS PROPOSED BY MAYOR GAVIN NEWSOM. THEY'RE PLEADING WITH THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, TO HELP FIND ALTERNATIVE CUTS THAT WON'T HURT PUBLIC HEALTH OR HOMELESS SERVICES. MANY OF THE PROTESTERS SAY NEWSOM IS TAKING A 'COWARDLY' WAY OUT. ORGANIZERS ALSO WANT THE SUPERVISORS TO APPROVE A JUNE SPECIAL ELECTION. THEN VOTERS COULD DECIDE IF THERE ARE REVENUE-GENERATING PROGRAMS, THAT COULD MAKE-UP FOR THE CITY'S BALLOONING DEFICIT.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA NEWS 6:00PM-7:00PM 01/27/09 REPORTED THAT CAR BUYERS MAY SOON GET GREATER PROTECTION UNDER A MEASURE INTRODUCED TODAY AT THE STATE CAPITOL. UNDER THE CAR BUYERS' PROTECTION ACT, OWNERS WOULD HAVE MORE RECOURSE WHEN A DEALER GOES OUT OF BUSINESS, SOMETHING THAT'S HAPPENING ABOUT EVERY THREE-DAYS IN CALIFORNIA. SOMETIMES THOSE DEALERS FAIL TO COMPLETE THE PAPERWORK ON TRADE-INS, LEAVING CONSUMERS STUCK PAYING FOR TWO CARS. THE BILL WOULD ALSO RAISE THE BOND FOR FRANCHISED NEW CAR DEALERS FROM 50-THOUSAND DOLLARS, TO A QUARTER-MILLION DOLLARS.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA NEWS 6:00PM-7:00PM 01/27/09 REPORTED THAT HILLARY CLINTON'S SENATE SEAT IS NOW OFFICIALLY FILLED, WITH THE SWEARING IN OF KIRSTEN GILLEBRAND FROM NEW YORK TODAY. GOVERNOR DAVID PATERSON APPOINTED GILLEBRAND, SHORTLY AFTER PRESUMED FRONT RUNNER CAROLINE KENNEDY TOOK HER NAME OUT OF THE RUNNING. AT 42, GILLEBRAND BECOMES THE YOUNGEST MEMBER OF THE SENATE AND INCREASES THE NUMBER OF FEMALE SENATORS SERVING TO SEVENTEEN.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA NEWS 6:00PM-7:00PM 01/27/09 REPORTED THAT PRESIDENT OBAMA WENT TO CAPITOL HILL TODAY, TO PERSONALLY LOBBY REPUBLICANS TO SUPPORT HIS ECONOMIC STIMULUS PACKAGE. GOP LEADERS

ARE GLAD HE'S LISTENING, BUT THEY'RE NOT HAPPY WITH THE PRESIDENT'S IDEAS.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 02/03/09 REPORTED THAT IT'S CRUNCH TIME FOR THE "BIG FIVE" WITH THE TOP LEGISLATIVE LEADERS TRYING TODAY TO HAMMER OUT A BUDGET DEAL WITH GOVERNOR SCHWARZENEGGER. AFTER A MARATHON MEETING LAST NIGHT THAT LASTED UNTIL ELEVEN P.M. BOTH SIDES ARE RELUCTANT TO REVEAL DETAILS, BUT WE HAVE LEARNED THE FRAMEWORK FOR A DEAL MIGHT INCLUDE THESE ELEMENTS: 1. PROGRAM CUTS, SOMETHING REPUBLICANS ARE INSISTING UPON ALONG WITH, 2. A FIRM SPENDING CAP TO STOP POLITICIANS FROM ALLOCATING MONEY CALIFORNIA DOESN'T HAVE, 3. DEMOCRATS ARE DEMANDING NEW REVENUES IN THE FORM OF A TAX INCREASE, 4. AND GOVERNOR SCHWARZENEGGER WANTS AN ECONOMIC STIMULUS PACKAGE TO JUMPSTART SHOVEL READY CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 02/03/09 REPORTED THAT STATE CONTROLLER JOHN CHIANG IS IN THE HOT SEAT TONIGHT, FACING ACCUSATIONS HE ORDERED TWO-MILLION DOLLARS WORTH OF NEW OFFICE FURNITURE, IN THE MIDDLE OF THE STATE BUDGET CRISIS. CHIANG HAS PUT TAX REFUND CHECKS ON HOLD BECAUSE THE STATE IS RUNNING OUT OF CASH. TONIGHT HE DEFENDED HIMSELF SAYING THE NEW FURNITURE REDUCES FIRE AND SAFETY HAZARDS, AND WILL SAVE TAXPAYERS MONEY IN THE LONG RUN.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 02/03/09 REPORTED THAT THE MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT OBAMA IS THAT THERE IS NO TIME FOR PARTISAN GRIDLOCK. THE PRESIDENT IS SEEKING BI-PARTISAN SUPPORT FOR THE MASSIVE STIMULUS BILL IN THE SENATE. ONE STRATEGY TO GET IT, IS PUTTING A REPUBLICAN IN CHARGE OF THE COMMERCE DEPARTMENT. PRESIDENT OBAMA OFFICIALLY NOMINATED SENATOR JUDD GREGG, A PRO-BUSINESS FISCAL CONSERVATIVE. SENATE REPUBLICANS ARE ALREADY UNCOMFORTABLE WITH THE SIZE OF THE STIMULUS BILL AND BLOCKED DEMOCRATS FROM ADDING MORE MONEY FOR INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS. INSTEAD, REPUBLICANS WANT TO BEEF UP HOUSING HELP. THEY WANT MORE TAX CREDITS FOR HOMEOWNERS AND INCENTIVES FOR BANKS TO LEND AT ABOUT FOUR PERCENT.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 02/03/09 REPORTED THAT WORD IS CIRCULATING AT THE STATE CAPITOL TONIGHT, THERE MAY BE A BUDGET DEAL IN THE WORKS, AFTER TOP LEGISLATIVE LEADERS MET WITH GOVERNOR SCHWARZENEGGER FOR ANOTHER BIG FIVE SUMMIT. THE TWO PARTIES ARE TRYING TO COMPROMISE ON PROGRAM CUTS, SPENDING CAPS, AND TAX INCREASES.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 02/03/09 REPORTED THAT THE SENATE JUST ADDED ANOTHER PROVISION TO THAT STIMULUS BILL: TAX BREAKS FOR NEW CAR BUYERS. CAR BUYERS WOULD BE ABLE TO CLAIM AN INCOME TAX DEDUCTION FOR SALES TAXES PAID ON NEW VEHICLES AND INTEREST PAYMENTS ON CAR LOANS. THE WHOLE BILL IS STILL A WORK IN PROGRESS, AND EARLIER TODAY, SENATE REPUBLICANS BLOCKED DEMOCRATS

FROM ADDING MORE MONEY FOR INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS LIKE HIGHWAY REBUILDING AND MASS TRANSIT. INSTEAD, REPUBLICANS WANT TO BEEF UP HOUSING HELP. THEY WANT MORE TAX CREDITS FOR HOMEOWNERS AND INCENTIVES FOR BANKS TO LEND AT ABOUT FOUR PERCENT.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 02/09/09 REPORTED THAT MORE THAN A-HUNDRED CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS ACROSS CALIFORNIA ARE ABOUT TO COME TO A GRINDING HALT AND YOU CAN BLAME THE BUDGET CRISIS. CALIFORNIA'S CASH CRUNCH MEANS THE STATE CAN NO LONGER AFFORD TO PAY FOR INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS LIKE HIGHWAY OVERPASSES, EVEN THOUGH THE MONEY HAS ALREADY BEEN APPROVED BY THE VOTERS. YET CALIFORNIA IS SO DEEP IN DEBT, THE STATE CAN'T SELL ITS TRANSPORTATION BONDS. IT'S BAD TIMING WITH UNEMPLOYMENT IN THE STATE APPROACHING TEN-PERCENT. THE DEFICIT CLOCK OUTSIDE THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE TODAY SHOWS CALIFORNIA IS NOW MORE THAN NINE BILLION DOLLARS IN THE RED BUT A BUDGET VOTE IS EXPECTED LATER THIS WEEK.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 02/09/09 REPORTED THAT CALIFORNIA HAS A HISTORY OF ELECTING POLITICAL OUTSIDERS AND REPUBLICANS AS GOVERNOR, AND MEG WHITMAN IS BOTH OF THOSE. BUT WHILE THE FORMER CEO OF EBAY BRINGS BUSINESS SUCCESS AND TECHNICAL KNOW-HOW TO THE UPCOMING ELECTION, SHE ALSO FACES AN ECONOMY THAT IS JUST NOT WORKING. WHEN MEG WHITMAN RAN EBAY, SHE HELPED TURN THE ONLINE AUCTION SITE FROM A 30-PERSON STARTUP WITH FOUR MILLION DOLLARS IN REVENUE TO A 15,000 EMPLOYEE DOT COM JUGGERNAUT WITH 8 "BILLION" DOLLARS IN REVENUES, AND MORE THAN 300 MILLION USERS. SO IT'S NO SURPRISE TO SAN JOSE STATE PROFESSOR MELINDA JACKSON THAT WHITMAN IS EXPECTED TO RUN FOR GOVERNOR, LARGELY ON THE NUMBERS. IT IS ALSO NO SURPRISE THAT SHE ANNOUNCED THE NEWS OF HER CANDIDACY ONLINE. WITH CALIFORNIA'S EMPLOYMENT PICTURE GETTING UGLIER BY THE WEEK. IT MAKES SENSE THAT SOMEONE KNOWN FOR JOB CREATION WANTS TO TURN THINGS AROUND. PART OF THE PROBLEM IS THAT WHILE JUST ABOUT EVERYONE KNOWS EBAY THERE ARE LOTS OF PEOPLE OUTSIDE THE BAY AREA THAT DO NOT KNOW MEG WHITMAN. AND WITH THE LIKES OF STEVE POIZNER, GAVIN NEWSOM, AND JERRY BROWN EXPECTED TO 'ALSO' RUN FOR GOVERNOR, SHE HAS SOME GROUND TO MAKE UP IN THAT DEPARTMENT.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 02/18/09 REPORTED THAT A SOUTH BAY LEADER SAYS SHE HAS FOUND A WAY TO KEEP CROSSING GUARDS ON CITY STREETS. SAN JOSE CITY COUNCIL IS CONSIDERING CUTTING BACK THE NUMBER OF CROSSING GUARDS TO SAVE MONEY. BUT COUNCIL WOMAN NORA CAMPOS HAS A PLAN. SHE SAYS THE 400-THOUSAND DOLLARS NEEDED TO KEEP THE GUARDS CAN BE SIPHONED AWAY FROM A CURRENT "REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY" PROJECT IN SAN PEDRO SQUARE. THE SAN JOSE COUNCIL HOPES TO DELIVER A COMPLETE BUDGET IN THE NEXT FEW WEEKS AND WITH A FINAL VERSION BY JUNE.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 02/18/09 REPORTED THAT THERE IS A BLOODLESS COUP IN THE BUDGET BATTLE WHERE SENATE REPUBLICANS REVOLTED AGAINST THEIR OWN LEADER, THROWING THE ENTIRE DEAL INTO JEOPARDY. REPUBLICAN SENATE LEADER DAVE COGDILL

HAS GONE FROM ONE OF THE BIG FIVE TO BARELY ALIVE POLITICALLY HE WAS FIRED OVERNIGHT. HE WAS A VICTIM OF THE REPUBLICAN REVOLT OVER 14 BILLION DOLLARS IN NEW TAXES. ARNOLD SCHWARZENEGGER TRYING HIS BEST TODAY TO SAVE THE SINKING SHIP, AFTER A MIDNIGHT MUTINY BY REPUBLICANS. THEY TOSSED OVERBOARD THEIR SENATE LEADER DAVE COGDILL, THE BIG FIVE LEADER WHO NEGOTIATED THE BUDGET DEAL BUT COGDILL IS OUT AND REPLACED BY ANTI-TAX HARDLINER DENNIS HOLLINGSWORTH WHO SAYS HE NOW WANTS TO RENEGOTIATE THE BUDGET DEAL BUT GOVERNOR SCHWARZENEGGER SAYS RENEGOTIATING IS NOT AN OPTION. DEMOCRATS SAY HUNDREDS OF HIGHWAY PROJECTS AND THOUSANDS OF JOBS ARE NOW IN JEOPARDY WITHOUT A BUDGET THE PRESSURE IS ON FOR ONE MORE REPUBLICAN VOTE, BUT IRONICALLY THAT VOTE COULD HAVE COME FROM A DEMOCRAT, BUT MARK RIDLEY THOMAS HAS LEFT THE SENATE. FOR NOW IT'S A SHOWDOWN IN THE SENATE OVER TAXES. WHAT HAPPENS NEXT IS THAT THE SENATE IS VOTING EVERY HOUR ON THE HOUR, BUT THE RESULTS NEVER CHANGE THE BUDGET DEAL IS STILL ONE VOTE SHORT OF PASSAGE AND WITH NO END IN SIGHT.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 02/18/09 REPORTED THAT SENATOR BARBARA BOXER WENT TO SACRAMENTO TO WARN REPUBLICANS IN THE STATE LEGISLATURE THAT THEY ARE JEOPARDIZING A SIZEABLE PIECE OF THE FEDERAL STIMULUS PACKAGE. CALIFORNIA IS IN LINE FOR MORE THAN 25 BILLION DOLLARS OF FEDERAL HELP, BUT BOXER SAYS THE MONEY SET ASIDE FOR EDUCATION AND TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS HAS REACHED ABOUT 11 BILLION DOLLARS WORTH AND REQUIRES THE STATE TO COMMIT TO MINIMUM FUNDING LEVELS IN WHICH THOSE FUNDING LEVELS COME FROM A STATE BUDGET. BOXER TOLD THE PUBLIC POLICY INSTITUTE OF CALIFORNIA TODAY THAT, WITH A BUDGET IN PLACE, CALIFORNIA STANDS TO GAIN 400-THOUSAND JOBS FROM THE FEDERAL STIMULUS PACKAGE.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 02/18/09 REPORTED THAT PRESIDENT OBAMA TODAY UNVEILED HIS NEW PROPOSALS TO DEAL WITH THE HOUSING CRISIS AND THE MORTGAGE MELTDOWN. THE 275 BILLION DOLLAR FORECLOSURE FIX WOULD OPEN UP RE-FINANCING AND SUBSIDIZE CHEAPER MORTGAGES. THE IDEAS DO NOT COME WITHOUT CRITICISM, AS NBC BAY AREA'S STEVE HANDELSMAN REPORTED. AS IT IS WRITTEN, THE OBAMA PLAN PROMISES TO BE A BOOST FOR SOME HOMEOWNERS, BUT A BUST FOR OTHERS. IT IS NOT CLEAR HOW THE PLAN WILL HELP PEOPLE UPSIDE DOWN IN THEIR MORTGAGES BECAUSE OF DOUBLE-DIGIT DEVALUATION. ALSO, MUCH OF THE EMPHASIS IS ON LOANS OWNED OR GUARANTEED BY FANNIE MAE OR FREDDIE MAC AND THERE ARE NOT THAT MANY IN CALIFORNIA. AND, THOUGH THERE SEEMS TO BE HOPE FOR FIRST-TIME HOMEOWNERS, ONE EXPERT SAYS THERE NEEDS TO BE MORE MONEY FOR FOLKS TO BUY. CALIFORNIA HAS THE MOST FORECLOSURE PROPERTIES IN THE NATION.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 02/18/09 REPORTED THAT OAKLAND COULD SOON HAVE 73-HUNDRED NEW JOBS. REPRESENTATIVE BARBARA LEE PRAISED OBAMA'S NEW ECONOMIC STIMULUS BILL TODAY, SAYING IT WILL CREATE THAT MANY NEW JOBS IN HER DISTRICT ALONE. THE BILL ALSO INCLUDES 30-MILLION DOLLARS FOR SCHOOL MODERNIZATION PROJECTS IN

OAKLAND. IN TOTAL, CALIFORNIA WILL RECEIVE MORE THAN 26-BILLION DOLLARS IN ECONOMIC RECOVERY FUNDING AND MONEY EARMARKED FOR TRANSIT, NUTRITION AND ENERGY PROJECTS.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 02/18/09 REPORTED THAT THE CHICAGO TRIBUNE TODAY CALLED FOR ROLAND BURRIS TO RESIGN HIS SENATE SEAT, CITING HIS CONFLICTING STATEMENTS IN HIS DEALINGS WITH IMPEACHED ILLINOIS GOVERNOR ROD BLAGOJEVICH. AT A CHICAGO LUNCHEON TODAY, SENATOR BURRIS SAYS HE IS COOPERATING FULLY WITH STATE AND U-S SENATE ETHICS INVESTIGATIONS.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 02/18/09 REPORTED THAT PREPARATIONS ARE FINISHING UP TONIGHT IN OTTAWA, CANADA, WHERE BARACK OBAMA TOMORROW WILL MAKE HIS FIRST FOREIGN TRIP AS PRESIDENT. THE VISIT WILL ONLY LAST SIX-HOURS, BUT BARRICADES AND GATES ARE IN PLACE ACROSS PARLIAMENT HILL, AND WORKERS HAVE INSTALLED BULLETPROOF GLASS OUTSIDE THE HOUSE OF COMMONS. CANADIANS ARE GOING GIDDY FOR OBAMA, PUTTING HIS PICTURE ON TEE SHIRTS, BALLOONS, BUTTONS, AND PASTRIES. THE PRESIDENT WILL MEET WITH CANADIAN PRIME MINISTER STEPHEN HARPER OVER SEVERAL ECONOMIC ISSUES.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 11:00-11:30PM 03/17/2009 REPORTED THAT PRESIDENT OBAMA WILL BE IN CALIFORNIA FOR THE NEXT COUPLE OF DAYS TALKING BUDGET NOT BONUS. A CHANCE TO SEE HIM SPEAK IS TURNING INTO A BIG DEAL. IT WAS FIRST-COME, FIRST-SERVE FOR FREE TICKETS TO THE PRESIDENT'S TOWN HALL APPEARANCE TOMORROW IN THE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA CITY OF COSTA MESA. THE DEMAND IS JUST AS HIGH WITH PEOPLE REGISTERING ONLINE FOR ANOTHER MEETING IN LOS ANGELES ON THURSDAY. THEY'RE ALL LOOKING FOR ANSWERS. AFTER HIS TOWN HALL MEETING IN LA, OBAMA WILL APPEAR WITH JAY LENO ON "THE TONIGHT SHOW."

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 11:00-11:30PM 03/17/2009 REPORTED THAT BAY AREA CONGRESSWOMAN ELLEN TAUSCHER IS MOVING ON UP - TAPPED BY THE PRESIDENT TO BE UNDER-SECRETARY OF STATE FOR ARMS CONTROL. THE STATE DEPARTMENT POST WILL ALSO OVERSEE INTERNATIONAL SECURITY. THE DEMOCRAT FROM WALNUT CREEK HAS EXPERIENCE IN MILITARY MATTERS. SHE CHAIRS THE HOUSE ARMED SERVICES SUBCOMMITTEE ON STRATEGIC FORCES. AN OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENT IS EXPECTED SOON. THE SENATE NEEDS TO CONFIRM HER NOMINATION. NO WORD ON WHO WILL FILL TAUCHER'S SEAT.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 11:00 PM -11:30PM 03/17/2009 REPORTED THAT AIG'S BONUSES HAVE MADE WEALTHY EMPLOYEES EVEN WEALTHIER. MANY ARE IN THE LONDON TRADING OFFICE THAT WAS AT THE CENTER OF THE COMPANY'S NEAR COLLAPSE. THE TOP BONUS RECIPIENT GOT MORE THAN SIX-POINT-FOUR MILLION DOLLARS. 22 EMPLOYEES RECEIVED TWO MILLION DOLLARS OR MORE AND 73 EMPLOYEES RECEIVED ONE MILLION DOLLARS. MANY OF THE BONUSES, AGREED TO A YEAR AGO, WERE DESIGNED TO RETAIN TOP TALENT WHICH IS A HARD ARGUMENT TO MAKE SINCE BONUSES WENT TO 11 WORKERS WHO HAVE ALREADY LEFT AIG. BUT CONGRESSIONAL LAWMAKERS MAY HAVE CREATED A ROADBLOCK IN RECOVERING THE ONE HUNDRED 65 BILLION DOLLARS IN AIG BONUSES. WHEN SENATOR DIANNE FEINSTEIN, SENATOR BARBARA BOXER, AND 58 OTHER SENATORS APPROVED

THE 787-BILLION DOLLAR STIMULUS BILL LAST MONTH THEY ALSO APPROVED AN AMENDMENT THAT HAD A CLAUSE PROTECTING "CONTRACTUALLY OBLIGATED BONUSES AGREED ON OR BEFORE FEBRUARY 11, 2009". BUT BAY AREA CONGRESSWOMAN ANNA ESHOO SAYS THE CONGRESS NEEDS TO UNDO WHAT HAS BECOME LAW. BAY AREA CONGRESSMAN GEORGE MILLER SAYS THE PROTECTION CLAUSE IN THE STIMULUS BILL WILL NOT PREVENT THE CONGRESS FROM TAKING ACTION.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 11:00PM-11:30PM 03/17/2009 REPORTED THAT TREASURY SECRETARY TIMOTHY GEITNER IS VOWING TO RECOVER ALL THAT BONUS MONEY. IN A LETTER TO HOUSE SPEAKER NANCY PELOSI TONIGHT, GEITNER PROMISED IF AIG DOES NOT PAY BACK THE BONUSES, HE WILL DEDUCT THE MONEY FROM THE NEXT 30 BILLION IN TAXPAYER BAILOUT MONEY PROMISED EARLIER THIS MONTH. THE WHITE HOUSE IS PUBLICLY BACKING GEITNER, EVEN THOUGH THE PRESIDENT REPORTEDLY FIRST LEARNED OF THE AIG BONUSES, JUST LAST THURSDAY. CRITICS ARE NOW CALLING FOR HIM TO STEP DOWN, WITH SOME REPUBLICANS ASKING WHY GEITNER WAITED UNTIL LAST WEEK TO DEMAND THE BONUS PAYMENTS BE RESTRUCTURED.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 03/31/09 REPORTED THAT CONTRA COSTA COUNTY SUPERVISORS HAVE MADE BIG CUTS TO ITS BUDGET TODAY TO REACH 50 MILLION DOLLARS. SUPERVISORS VOTED UNANIMOUSLY TO ELIMINATE NON-URGENT HEALTH CARE FOR 5-THOUSAND ADULT UNDOCUMENTED WORKERS. UNFORTUNATELY, 56-POSITIONS IN THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT ARE GETTING CUT AND 16 PROSECUTOR POSITIONS IN THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE WILL BE ELIMINATED.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 03/31/09 REPORTED THAT TALKS OF SELLING SAN QUENTIN WERE PUT ON HOLD TODAY. THE PRISON, WHICH HOUSES DEATH ROW, INCLUDES 432 ACRES OF PRIME REAL ESTATE. SUPPORTERS SAY SELLING THE PROPERTY IS A GOOD THING AND WOULD PROVIDE MORE THAN ENOUGH MONEY TO BUILD A REPLACEMENT PRISON AND DEATH ROW FACILITY AT ANOTHER LOCATION. THE SENATE PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE SHELVED THE BILL-- CITING CONCERNS OVER PRISON OVERCROWDING. THE BILL IS NOW INDEFINITELY ON HOLD.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 03/31/09 REPORTED THAT PRESIDENT OBAMA ARRIVED IN LONDON TODAY, THE START OF HIS FIRST MAJOR VISIT ABROAD, WITH SOME HIGH STAKES. WITH MUCH OF THE WORLD EXPECTING AMERICAN LEADERSHIP FOR THE GLOBAL ECONOMY, THE WHITE HOUSE IS NOT EXPECTING A LOVEFEST FROM THE G-20 SUMMIT. HOWEVER, THE PRESIDENT DOES THINK HE CAN OPEN SOME DOORS DIPLOMATICALLY. HIS MOST IMPORTANT AMBASSADOR ON THIS TRIP WAS THE FIRST LADY. MICHELLE OBAMA HAS AROUSED MORE CURIOSITY IN EUROPE THAN ANY FIRST LADY SINCE JACKIE KENNEDY. AS THE FIRST COUPLE RIDE A WAVE OF POPULARITY ARRIVING IN EUROPE, 66 PERCENT OF AMERICANS SAY THE PRESIDENT IS DOING A GOOD JOB, AND EVEN MORE SAY THE OBAMAS ARE THE RIGHT COUPLE TO REPRESENT THE NATION OVERSEAS. FIRST UP ON THE EIGHT DAY, FIVE NATION AGENDA IS THE ECONOMIC CRISIS AND A MEETING WITH THE LEADERS OF THE

SO-CALLED G-20, THE WEALTHIEST NATIONS. THE PRESIDENT WANTS TO ASSURE WORLD LEADERS ABOUT AMERICA'S ECONOMY, BUT HE'S NOT EXPECTING THEM TO ADOPT WASHINGTON'S STRATEGIES. NBC CORRESPONDENT SAVANNAH GUTHRIE TRAVELED WITH THE OBAMA'S, REPORTING THAT THE WHITE HOUSE CONTINUES TO DOWNPLAY EXPECTATIONS.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 03/31/09 REPORTED THAT PRESIDENT OBAMA HAD HOPED TO NUDGE THE G-20 NATIONS INTO A COORDINATED RESPONSE TO THE GLOBAL RECESSION, BUT THAT IS NOT TO BE. AS TO WHY, NBC BAY AREA POLITICAL ANALYST LARRY GERSTON ANSWERED THE QUESTION, WHY ISN'T THE PRESIDENT LIKELY TO SUCCEED? HE ANSWERED, "IT HAS TO DO WITH SYSTEMS AND PRIORITIES. THE AMERICAN FINANCIAL SYSTEM EXTENDS INTO MANY AREAS, INCLUDING MORTGAGES AND INSURANCE. THE EUROPEAN SYSTEM IS MUCH MORE NARROWLY DEFINED. THE EUROPEANS DO NOT SEE THE SAME NEED FOR COMPREHENSIVE RESCUE AND LOWER RATES, SO THE BEST THE G-20 PARTICIPANTS CAN DO AT THE MOMENT IS AGREE TO DISAGREE. SPEAKING OF RESCUE, A SIZABLE CHUNK OF THE NEARLY EIGHT HUNDRED BILLION DOLLAR ECONOMIC STIMULUS IS COMING TO CALIFORNIA AND THE BAY AREA.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 03/31/09 REPORTED THAT FORMER STATE SENATOR DON PERATA HAS DECIDED HE IS GOING TO RUN FOR MAYOR OF OAKLAND NEXT YEAR. PERATA SAID HE MADE THE DECISION AFTER WHAT HE CALLS MAYOR RON DELLUMS FAILURE AFTER FOUR OAKLAND POLICE OFFICERS WERE SHOT TO DEATH. NBC BAY AREA'S GEORGE KIRYAMA SHOWED US HOW SOME ARE WONDERING IF OAKLAND'S LEADERS CAN HEAL THE CITY'S DEEP WOUNDS. OAKLAND SHOP OWNER, EL TYNA MCCREE IS NORMALLY A WOMAN OF HOPE, HOWEVER EVEN SHE ADMITS, "HOPE" IN OAKLAND THESE DAYS IS HARD TO FIND. HER 17TH STREET CLOTHING STORE WAS DAMAGED IN THE RIOTS, FOLLOWING THE SHOOTING DEATH OF OSCAR GRANT BY A BART POLICE OFFICER. SHE ALSO STATES HOW THE BUSINESS HAS NEVER QUITE RECOVERED. IN ADDITION, TO THE BART SHOOTING, JUST LAST WEEK TWO OAKLAND POLICE OFFICERS SHE KNEW WERE AMONG THE FOUR SHOT TO DEATH BY A PAROLEE. BUT UNLIKE MANY IN OAKLAND, MCCREE DOES NOT BLAME THE CITY'S PROBLEMS ON MAYOR RON DELLUMS. ALTHOUGH CRITICS SAY DELLUMS HAS LOST THE CITY'S CONFIDENCE. IN ADDITION, DELLUMS DID NOT SPEAK AT FRIDAY'S FUNERAL FOR THE SLAIN POLICE OFFICERS AT THE REQUEST OF TWO OF THEIR FAMILIES. BISHOP BOB JACKSON, SAYS OAKLAND IS IN A CRISIS OF SPIRIT AND LEADERSHIP. JACKSON AND OTHER RELIGIOUS LEADERS HELPED ORGANIZE TONIGHT'S PRAYER VIGIL NEAR THE SPOT WHERE TWO OF THE OFFICERS WERE GUNNED DOWN. ORGANIZERS OF THE VIGIL ARE EXPECTING MORE THAN A THOUSAND TO ATTEND. UNLIKE THE MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR THE SLAIN OFFICERS, MAYOR DELLUMS HAS BEEN INVITED TO SPEAK. MCCREE SAYS IT'S UP TO THE PEOPLE AND NOT JUST THE GOVERNMENT TO MAKE CHANGES IN OAKLAND.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 03/31/09 REPORTED THAT "GRIM" WAS THE WORD SAN FRANCISCO'S MAYOR GAVIN NEWSOM USED CONCERNING THE CITY'S FINANCIAL OUTLOOK EVEN AFTER LAYING OFF HUNDREDS OF WORKERS EARLIER THIS YEAR. NEWSOM SAID TODAY THAT THE CITY IS FACING A BUDGET SHORTFALL OF MORE THAN 430 MILLION DOLLARS FACING THE NEXT FISCAL YEAR. THEREFORE, THE SHORTFALL IS EXPECTED TO

REACH NEARLY 750 MILLION IN TWO YEARS. NEWSOM ALSO SAID THAT THE SHORTFALL IS HIGHER THAN EXPECTED DUE TO THE ONGOING ECONOMIC DOWNTURN, ADDING THAT ALL OPTIONS ARE ON THE TABLE, TO DEAL WITH THE BUDGET SHORTFALL

HEALTH/NUTRITION & DISEASE

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 1/8/2009 REPORTED THAT SAN FRANCISCO'S CASTRO DISTRICT IS KNOWN AS A GATHERING PLACE DUE TO ITS NUMEROUS RESTAURANTS, BARS AND CLUBS, BUT THAT ALSO MAKES IT A POTENTIAL TARGET FOR THE SPREAD OF AIRBORNE DISEASE. SAN FRANCISCO'S HEALTH DEPARTMENT HAS NOW IDENTIFIED AN OUTBREAK OF TUBERCULOSIS IN THE CASTRO AND SO FAR, FIVE PEOPLE HAVE BEEN INFECTED. HEALTH OFFICIALS SAY AT LEAST SOME OF THOSE INFECTED WORKED AT BARS IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD. THE DEPARTMENT SENT NOTICES TO CASTRO BARS AND CLUBS URGING WORKERS TO GET TESTED FOR T-B. SOME 140 WORKERS ARE EXPECTED TO GO THROUGH THE SCREENING. ONE LOCAL RESTAURANT OWNER IS GLAD TO SEE THE CITY AND THE NEIGHBORHOOD PLAYING IT SAFE. SYMPTOMS OF T-B INCLUDE A CHRONIC COUGH, HIGH FEVER AND WEIGHT LOSS. HEALTH OFFICIALS SAY IT IS TREATABLE. THEY WARN THAT EVEN THOUGH THE OUTBREAK IS CENTERED IN THE CASTRO, IT CAN HAPPEN ANYWHERE TO ANYONE.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00 PM 01/14/2009 REPORTED THAT APPLE CEO STEVE JOBS SUDDENLY ANNOUNCED HE IS TAKING MEDICAL LEAVE. ACCORDING TO JOBS, "MY HEALTH-RELATED ISSUES ARE MORE COMPLEX THAN I ORIGINALLY THOUGHT. BUSINESS AND TECH REPORTER SCOTT BUDMAN HAD A LIVE REPOY IN CUPERTINO, WHERE JOBS BUILT APPLE FROM THE GROUND UP, A FACT NOT LOST ON INVESTORS TODAY. IN HIS ONLINE STATEMENT TODAY, JOBS DIDN'T REVEAL SPECIFICS ABOUT HIS HEALTH. EXCEPT TO SAY HIS HEALTH-RELATED ISSUES WERE MORE COMPLEX THAN HE ORIGINALLY THOUGHT. WHAT WE DO KNOW IS JOBS IS A RARE PANCREATIC CANCER SURVIVOR. HE WAS DIAGNOSED FOUR YEARS AGO AND HAD SURGERY WHICH APPLE SAID WAS SUCCESSFUL. LAST WEEK JOBS ISSUED A STATEMENT SAYING HE HAD A HORMONE IMBALANCE THAT HAD BEEN ROBBING HIM OF PROTEINS HIS BODY NEEDS TO BE HEALTHY. SOUTH BAY ENDOCRINOLOGIST DR. RICHARD CHERLIN IS NOT JOBS' DOCTOR BUT OFFERED HEALTH REPORTER MARIANNE FAVRO SOME INSIGHT INTO HIS CONDITION BASED ON WHAT JOBS HAS REVEALED SO FAR.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 01/14/2009 REPORTED THAT CUPERTINO'S APPLE TOOK A DIVE IN AFTER-HOURS TRADING AFTER A POST-BELL ANNOUNCEMENT CEO STEVE JOBS IS GOING ON MEDICAL LEAVE. JOBS, WHOSE GAUNT APPEARANCE FUELED PUBLIC DEBATE ABOUT HIS FUTURE AT THE COMPANY, ANNOUNCED LAST WEEK HE HAD AN EASILY TREATABLE HORMONE DEFICIENCY. BUT TODAY JOBS SAID IN AN EMAIL TO EMPLOYEES HIS HEALTH ISSUES WERE MORE COMPLEX THAN HE THOUGHT.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 1/19/09 REPORTED THAT VICE-PRESIDENT DICK CHENEY WILL VIEW TOMORROW'S INAUGURATION CEREMONY FROM A WHEELCHAIR. WHITE HOUSE PRESS SECRETARY DANA PERINO SAID THE SOON-TO-BE FORMER VICE-PRESIDENT PULLED A MUSCLE IN HIS BACK WHILE MOVING BOXES INTO HIS NEW HOME IN MCLEAN, VIRGINIA, TODAY. DOCTORS SAY HE'LL NEED A WHEELCHAIR FOR A FEW DAYS, BUT OTHERWISE, HE'LL BE FINE, AND WILL ATTEND TOMORROW'S CEREMONY AS PLANNED.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 1/19/09 REPORTED THAT HERE'S ONE MORE REASON TO GET A FLU SHOT A-S-A-P. FLU SEASON HAS OFFICIALLY BEGUN HERE IN THE BAY AREA. LAB TESTS OF KAISER PATIENTS IN NORTHERN CALIFORNIA WHO COMPLAINED OF FLU-LIKE SYMPTOMS CONFIRM THERE IS A SPIKE IN CASES. AND DOCTORS EXPECT EVEN MORE PEOPLE TO GET THE FLU IN THE NEXT FEW WEEKS. TO PROTECT YOURSELF, DOCTORS SUGGEST YOU WASH YOUR HANDS FREQUENTLY AND GET THE FLU VACCINE. IF YOU DO GET SICK, SEEK MEDICAL ATTENTION TWO DAYS AFTER YOU START TO SEE SYMPTOMS. DOCTORS SAY THAT'S WHEN ANY MEDICINE THEY MAY PRESCRIBE WILL HAVE THE BIGGEST IMPACT.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 1/22/2009 REPORTED THAT YOU NEED TO CHECK YOUR PANTRY BECAUSE THE LIST OF COMPANIES RECALLING PEANUT BUTTER PRODUCTS DUE TO THAT SALMONELLA OUTBREAK IS GROWING TONIGHT. THE LATEST NATURE'S PATH ORGANIC FOODS IS RECALLING ITS PEANUT BUTTER FLAVORED ENERGY BARS. SO FAR SIX PEOPLE FROM THE BAY AREA HAVE GOTTEN SICK NONE HAVE BEEN HOSPITALIZED. THE ONLY CASE IN SANTA CLARA COUNTY WAS A 13-YEAR-OLD SAN JOSE BOY. A TOTAL OF 62 PEOPLE IN CALIFORNIA HAVE GOTTEN SICK SO FAR AND 488 NATIONWIDE. ASIDE FROM RECALLED ITEMS THE CDC IS WARNING US TO NOT EAT OTHER PRODUCTS CONTAINING PEANUT BUTTER LIKE: COOKIES, CRACKERS, CEREAL, CANDY AND ICE CREAM UNTIL WE GET MORE INFO.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 1/22/2009 REPORTED THAT STARTING TODAY, YOU CAN GO ON-LINE TO FIND OUT THE DEATH RATES FOR CERTAIN PROCEDURES AT YOUR COMMUNITY HOSPITAL. THE INFORMATION IS POSTED BY THE OFFICE OF STATEWIDE HEALTH PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT. THE SITE ALSO LOOKS AT HOSPITAL DEATH RATES FOR THREE DIFFERENT MEDICAL CONDITIONS SUCH AS ACUTE STROKE, GASTRO-INTESTINAL BLEEDING AND HIP FRACTURE.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 02/03/09 REPORTED THAT ALMOST THIRTY TWO THOUSAND SERVICE MEMBERS HAVE BEEN WOUNDED IN IRAQ AND AFGHANISTAN. BUT THANKS TO GROUPS LIKE THE SENTINELS OF FREEDOM, THE WOUNDED VETERANS ARE GETTING A SECOND CHANCE. NBC BAY AREA'S DAMIAN TRUJILLO RECENTLY VISITED WITH ONE VETERAN, WHO'S MAKING THE BAY AREA PROUD. THE FIGHT IS NOT OVER FOR MARIELA MEYLAN. THE FORMER SOLDIER WAS ATTACKED FOUR YEARS AGO WHILE ON A CONVOY IN KUWAIT IN WHICH SHE LAY IN A COMA FOR 8 MONTHS. DOCTORS DOUBTED SHE WOULD WALK AGAIN, HER SPEECH WAS GONE, BUT SHE HAD OTHER PLANS. WHEN MARIELA WOKE UP, THE VETERAN BEGAN HER SECOND WAR, A WAR AGAINST HER DISABILITIES AND SHE WAS WINNING THE BATTLE. MARIELA GETS WEEKLY PHYSICAL, OCCUPATIONAL, AND SPEECH THERAPY. SHE WANTS TO BE

AN INTERIOR DESIGNER. THE SENTINELS OF FREEDOM IS BASED IN SAN RAMON, HELPING 32 VETERANS ACROSS THE COUNTRY

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 02/03/09 REPORTED THAT A UNIQUE EAST BAY DRUG STORE CHAIN KNOWN FOR ITS HOLISTIC HEALTH REMEDIES CLOSED ITS DOORS TODAY. THREE LOCATIONS OF THE BERKELEY-BASED "ELEPHANT PHARM" SHUT DOWN AND ANNOUNCED PLANS TO FILE FOR BANKRUPTCY. THE CHAIN WAS KNOWN FOR SELLING CHINESE HERBS AND OTHER ALTERNATIVE TREATMENTS. THE OWNERS OF THE CHAIN SAY THEY TRIED UNSUCCESSFULLY TO FIND A BUYER, BUT IN THE END, THE AILING ECONOMY DEALT THE FATAL BLOW. ELEPHANT FARM'S WEBSITE SAYS, "THANKS FOR SIX SPECIAL YEARS."

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 02/03/09 REPORTED THAT PRESIDENT OBAMA'S HOPES FOR QUICK ACTION ON HEALTH CARE REFORM MAY HAVE GONE OUT THE DOOR TODAY ALONG WITH TOM DASCHLE, THE MAN HE'D NOMINATED TO BE SECRETARY OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES. DASCHLE COULDN'T HOLD ON AS PRESSURE GREW OVER PROBLEMS WITH HIS BACK-TAXES. EARLIER IN THE DAY, OBAMA HAD LOST ANOTHER ADMINISTRATION APPOINTEE ALSO OVER TAXES. THE SWEARING IN OF ATTORNEY GENERAL ERIC HOLDER HELPED TAKE SOME OF THE STING OUT OF AN OTHERWISE PAINFUL DAY FOR TEAM OBAMA. FIRST OUT THE DOOR WAS NANCY KILLEFER, THE WOMAN PICKED TO FILL THE NEWLY CREATED POSITION OF "CHIEF PERFORMANCE OFFICER." IT TURNS OUT THAT SHE DIDN'T PAY CERTAIN TAXES FOR HOUSEHOLD HELP UNTIL A LIEN AGAINST HER WASHINGTON D.C. PROPERTY FORCED HER HAND. GIVEN THAT RESIGNATION AND A BLISTERING EDITORIAL IN THE NEW YORK TIMES TOM DASCHLE THEN WITHDREW AS BARACK OBAMA'S NOMINEE TO BE HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES SECRETARY. HE HAD FAILED TO PAY MORE THAN A HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS IN TAXES HE OWED.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 02/09/09 REPORTED THAT STARTING TOMORROW, KIDS' TOYS AND GOODS HAVE TO BE TESTED FOR LEAD AND THE CHEMICAL THAT MAKES PLASTICS SOFT. THAT MEANS NO MORE THAN 600 PARTS PER MILLION OF LEAD AND NO MORE THAN 1000-PARTS PER MILLION OF PHthalATES. APPARENTLY GOOD NEWS, NBC BAY AREA'S KRIS SANCHEZ INTRODUCED US TO A BUSINESSMAN WHO SAYS IT COULD PUT HIM OUT OF BUSINESS AND THAT HE IS NOT THE ONLY ONE. 2-YEAR OLD CHLOE LAI'S MARVELING AT A MARBLE MAZE AT 'TREEHOUSE IN THE GLEN,' A SAN JOSE TOY STORE WHICH OPENED FOLLOWING THE STRING OF LEAD TOY RECALLS LAST SUMMER. THOUGH THE OWNERS STOCK ONLY NATURAL AND HANDMADE GOODS, THEY FIND THEMSELVES HAVING TO COMPLY WITH A LAW MEANT TO KEEP KIDS SAFE FROM LEAD AND OTHER CHEMICALS. HOWEVER, IT IS A LAW THEY SAY COULD PUT THEM OUT OF BUSINESS. BUT SCOTT SAYS THAT INSTEAD OF ASSESSING RISK TO KIDS, LAWMAKERS ENACTED A LAW THAT'S UNNECESSARILY BROAD. THE CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY ADMINISTRATION WILL BEGIN ENFORCEMENT NEXT YEAR. MEANWHILE, MANUFACTURERS HAVE TO STOP MAKING TOYS CONTAINING LEAD AND SELLERS HAVE TO PROVE THEIR TOYS ARE CLEAN WHICH MEANS SOME VERY EXPENSIVE TESTS AND NOT JUST ON INDIVIDUAL TOYS, BUT ON EACH TOYS' INDIVIDUAL PARTS. YOU CAN HAVE

YOUR KIDS' TOYS TESTED AT "TREEHOUSE IN THE GLEN" THIS SUNDAY FROM NOON TO FIVE. THEY ARE OFFERING UP THE MACHINE THEY USE TO TEST THEIR OWN STOCK.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 02/09/09 REPORTED THAT BASEBALL STAR ALEX RODRIGUEZ ADMITS HE USED PERFORMANCE ENHANCING DRUGS, CONFIRMING A REPORT FROM OVER THE WEEKEND. HE SAYS HE USED THEM DURING A THREE-YEAR PERIOD THAT STARTED IN 2001. AT THE TIME HE WAS PLAYING FOR THE TEXAS RANGERS. HE SAYS THE PRESSURE WAS JUST TOO MUCH AND THAT HE DID NOT KNOW EXACTLY WHAT HE WAS TAKING. HIS ADMISSION COMES TWO DAYS AFTER A 'SPORTS ILLUSTRATED' REPORT THAT RODRIGUEZ WAS ONE OF A HUNDRED PLAYERS WHO TESTED POSITIVE FOR BANNED SUBSTANCES IN 2003. THERE ARE STILL 103 OTHER PLAYERS THAT HAVE YET TO BE LEAKED OR RELEASED WHO WERE ALL STEROIDS USERS.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 02/18/09 REPORTED THAT PEOPLE IN SAUSALITO ARE DEALING WITH A SMELLY AND POTENTIALLY DANGEROUS SITUATION AFTER ABOUT 500-THOUSAND GALLONS OF PARTIALLY TREATED SEWAGE ENDED UP IN THE BAY. WORKERS AT THE SAUSALITO-MARIN CITY SANITATION DISTRICT FIRST NOTICED A LEAK AT THE FORT BAKER TREATMENT PLANT YESTERDAY AFTERNOON. NBC BAY AREA'S JODI HERNANDEZ REPORTED LIVE IN SAUSALITO WHERE REPAIR WORK HAS BEEN TAKING PLACE ALL DAY. THE PLANT'S GENERAL MANAGER SAYS THEY HAVE BEEN ABLE TO SLOW THE SEWAGE LEAK FROM SPILLING OUT 250-300 GALLONS A MINUTE TO JUST ONE GALLON A MINUTE. STILL WARNING SIGNS ARE UP ALL OVER THE AREA LETTING FOLKS KNOW IT IS NOT SAFE TO COME IN CONTACT WITH THE WATER. AGAIN OFFICIALS WITH THE COUNTY SAY IT IS NOT A GOOD IDEA TO FISH, KAYAK, OR DO ANYTHING THAT WILL PUT YOU IN DIRECT CONTACT WITH THE WATER. IT WILL LIKELY TAKE A COUPLE OF DAYS TO COMPLETELY FIX THE PIPELINE AND HEALTH OFFICIALS SAY IT WILL TAKE EVEN LONGER BEFORE THE WATER SAFE.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 02/18/09 REPORTED THAT THE F-D-A's NATIONWIDE RECALL OF PEANUT RELATED PRODUCTS IS GROWING AND THE AGENCY HAS NOW ADDED 24-HUNDRED PRODUCTS TO ITS RECALL LIST. NBC BAY AREA'S JEAN ELLE SHOWED US HOW IT IS HITTING BAY AREA GROUPS WHO FEED THE POOR. EVERY DAY DOZENS OF VOLUNTEERS SORT THROUGH BINS OF DONATED FOOD AT THE ALAMEDA COUNTY COMMUNITY FOOD BANK, BUT THESE DAYS, PACKAGES ARE GETTING MORE ATTENTION THAN USUAL. THE VOLUNTEERS SCOUR THE INGREDIENTS APPLYING ONE SIMPLE RULE THAT ANYTHING WITH PEANUTS HAS TO GO. FOLLOWING A NATIONWIDE RECALL OF PEANUT PRODUCTS, FOOD BANKS ACROSS THE U-S ARE TAKING SIMILAR PRECAUTIONS. AS OF TODAY, THE F-D-A'S RECALL LIST OF PEANUT-RELATED ITEMS WAS UP TO 2,369. ONCE SORTED THE PEANUT PRODUCTS END UP IN FOOD PURGATORY WHERE THEY WILL EVENTUALLY BE CLEARED OR THROWN AWAY. IT IS A BLOW TO COMMUNITY GROUPS WHO RELY ON THE FOOD BANK TO FEED 40-THOUSAND PEOPLE A WEEK. THE FOOD BANK SAYS IT IS DESPERATELY SEEKING DONATIONS OF CANNED TUNA AND CHICKEN, TO FILL THE PROTEIN VOID LEFT BY PEANUT PRODUCTS. SO FAR THERE HAVE BEEN NINE DEATHS AND MORE THAN 600 ILLNESSES ARE BELIEVED CONNECTED TO CONTAMINATED PEANUTS FROM A GEORGIA PLANT.

NBC BAY AREA, COMUNIDAD DEL VALLE, 3:00 PM-3:30 PM, MARCH 1, 2009
FEATURED THE UCSF CENTER FOR VULNERABLE POPULATIONS. DR. DEAN
SCHILLINGER EXPLAINED THAT "VULNERABLE POPULATIONS" IS THE
TERMINOLOGY THAT THE MEDICAL FIELD USES TO DESCRIBE "PEOPLE WHO
HAVE COMMON SOCIAL BARRIERS TO ACHIEVING OPTIMAL HEALTH," SUCH AS
HAVING NO HEALTH INSURANCE. DR. MARGARET HANDLEY DESCRIBED THE
IMPORTANCE OF REACHING OUT TO THE COMMUNITY AND MAKING SURE THEY
HAVE THE INFO THEY NEED TO TAKE CARE OF THEIR OWN HEALTH; THE
IMPORTANCE OF COMMUNICATION AND DEFYING LANGUAGE BARRIERS. SOME
OF THE ISSUES THE CENTER TAKES CARE OF IS CHRONIC DISEASES. THESE
DISEASES ARE MAINLY TO BE TREATED AT HOME, SO IT'S IMPORTANT FOR THE
CENTER TO REACH OUT TO THE COMMUNITY.

NBC BAY AREA, COMUNIDAD DEL VALLE, 3:00 PM-3:30 PM, 3/1/09, FEATURED THE
JUNIOR LEAGUE OF SAN JOSE, AN ORGANIZATION OF WOMEN UNITED BY THE
PASSION FOR VOLUNTEERISM, IS SPONSORING A FREE HEALTH FAIR AND
RUMMAGE SALE. SOME OF THE FREE SERVICES THAT WILL BE PROVIDED ARE
GLUCOSE TESTING, BLOOD PRESSURE TESTING, AND SCREENINGS. WENDY
ANTHONY SAYS THE HEALTH FAIR IS AN OPPORTUNITY FOR PEOPLE TO ATTEND
AN INFORMATIVE FAIR ABOUT HEALTHY LIVING AND WELLNESS. THE EVENT
WILL BE HELD ON MARCH 14TH AT THE SANTA CLARA COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS IN
THE EXPO HALL. FOR MORE INFO, VISIT WWW.JLSJ.ORG.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 11:00-11:30PM 03/17/2009 REPORTED THAT
THERE ARE CONFLICTING REPORTS ABOUT THE CONDITION OF ACTRESS
NATASHA RICHARDSON BUT IT APPEARS THE NEWS IS NOT GOOD. THE TONY
AWARD-WINNING ACTRESS FELL AND HIT HER HEAD DURING A SKIING LESSON
IN QUEBEC. TONIGHT SHE IS IN A NEW YORK HOSPITAL SURROUNDED BY
FAMILY. AFTER THE ACCIDENT RICHARDSON DID NOT APPEAR HURT AND WAS
SEEN WALKING AROUND. IT WASN'T UNTIL ABOUT AN HOUR LATER THAT SHE
BEGAN FEELING ILL. A STATEMENT FROM THE SKI RESORT SAYS RICHARDSON
FELL ON A BEGINNER'S TRAIL AND DIDN'T APPEAR INJURED. OFFICIALS AT THE
RESORT INSISTED THAT THE ACTRESS BE SEEN BY A DOCTOR.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 11:00-11:30PM 03/17/2009 REPORTED THAT
THE SILICON VALLEY BETTER BUSINESS BUREAU HAS GIVEN H-N-E A "C" RATING
BECAUSE OF COMPLAINTS. OUR EXPERTS SAY THE ONLY THING YOU REALLY
NEED TO GET ON A SHOW IS UNIQUE PERSONALITY. YOU MUST STAND OUT IN A
VIDEO OR CASTING CALL AND THAT'S REALITY.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 11:00-11:30PM 03/17/2009 REPORTED THAT
LACE UP THOSE WORKOUT SHOES AND GET READY FOR THE GYM OF THE
FUTURE. THOUSANDS ARE AT THE FITNESS EXPO IN SAN FRANCISCO. THIS YEAR
ONE OF THE BIG TRENDS IS THE VIDEO GAME WORKOUT. THERE IS A GRAVITY
TRAINING DEVICE THAT USES YOUR OWN BODY WEIGHT FOR RESISTANCE
TRAINING AND IF THAT'S NOT ENOUGH, NOW YOU CAN SHED POUNDS WHILE
GOING GREEN. THESE TREADMILLS USE THIRTY TWO PERCENT LESS ENERGY
THAN THE STANDARD ONES.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 03/31/09 REPORTED THAT THERE IS A FOOD RECALL INVOLVING PISTACHIOS TAINTED WITH SALMONELLA. NBC BAY AREA'S MEDICAL REPORTER MARIANNE FAVRO GAVE ADVICE TO CONSUMERS FACING THIS ISSUE. MARIANNE INDICATED THAT SHE BOUGHT PISTACHIOS AT A MAJOR GROCERY STORE TODAY IN WHICH THE CLERK INFORMED THAT THEY WERE NOT FROM THE IMPACTED PLANT, ALTHOUGH QUESTIONING HOW DOES THE CONSUMER KNOW FOR SURE? TONIGHT, THE FDA WARNED NOT TO EAT ANYTHING WITH PISTACHIOS UNTIL INVESTIGATORS CAN TRACK DOWN THE SOURCE. SETTON PISTACHIO HAS VOLUNTARILY RECALLED MORE THAN A MILLION POUNDS OF NUTS AFTER SOME TESTED POSITIVE FOR THE POTENTIALLY DEADLY SALMONELLA. THE COMPANY SHIPS TO THREE DOZEN DISTRIBUTORS IN 30 STATES. GOVERNMENT INVESTIGATORS SPENT TODAY TRYING TO TRACK DOWN WHICH VENDORS GOT THE PISTACHIOS AND WHAT THEY DID WITH IT. BUT UNTIL THEY CAN PINPOINT THE SOURCE THE FDA IS WARNING CONSUMERS NOT TO EAT ANYTHING WITH PISTACHIOS. IN A NEW DEVELOPMENT TODAY, THE PRODUCTION MANAGER FOR SETTON FOODS INTERNATIONAL SAID THE COMPANY SUSPECTS ROASTED PISTACHIOS SOLD TO KRAFT FOODS MAY HAVE BECOME MIXED WITH RAW PEANUTS AND *THEY* COULD HAVE CONTAINED TRACES OF THE BACTERIA.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 03/31/09 REPORTED THAT THE SPINACH INDUSTRY WILTED IN 2006 BECAUSE OF ITS OWN CONTAMINATION SCARE. CALIFORNIA FARMERS LOST AN ESTIMATED 100 MILLION DOLLARS AND HAD TO DESTROY COUNTLESS CROPS BECAUSE OF AN E-COLI OUTBREAK. THREE PEOPLE DIED AND TWO-HUNDRED OTHERS BECAME SICK FROM THE TAINTED BAGGED SPINACH, WHICH WAS EVENTUALLY TRACED TO A FARM IN SAN BENITO COUNTY. HOWEVER, SINCE THAT OUTBREAK, SPINACH GROWERS HAVE IMPLEMENTED MANDATORY GOVERNMENT INSPECTIONS IN ATTEMPTS TO KEEP THEIR CROPS SAFE.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 11:00PM-11:30PM 03/31/09 REPORTED THAT HOW THE DAMAGING EFFECTS ON THE RECALL OF PACKAGED SPICES HERE IN THE BAY AREA IS UNKNOWN. SO FAR, BLACK AND WHITE PEPPER MANUFACTURED AT UNION INTERNATIONAL FOOD COMPANY IN UNION CITY HAS SICKENED TWENTY PEOPLE HERE IN THE BAY AREA AND NOW CALIFORNIA'S DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH EXPANDED THE RECALL TO INCLUDE PEPPER SOLD AT STORES UNDER THE NAME "UNCLE CHEN." NBC-BAY AREA'S WEBSITE INCLUDES A LIST OF BAY AREA STORES AND RESTAURANTS THAT SELL AND USE THE SPICE.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 03/31/09 REPORTED THAT THERE'S A RESTAURANT FOR ANY TASTE, INCLUDING ONE FOR PEOPLE WHO ARE FASTING, NOT JUST SELLING THE PICTURES ON THE WALLS. AS IT TURNS OUT THERE ARE CERTAIN FOODS, LIGHTS SNACKS AND FRUIT THAT CAN BE EATEN DURING FASTS, AND THE OWNER OF THIS RESTAURANT IN INDIA WANTS TO MAKE SURE THERE'S PLENTY AVAILABLE. THE RESTAURANT IS ACTUALLY OPEN THE ENTIRE YEAR, NOT JUST DURING FASTING HOLIDAYS BECAUSE PEOPLE ALSO FAST FOR HEALTH REASONS, NOT JUST RELIGIOUS ONES.

NATIONAL & INTERNATIONAL CONCERNS/SAFETY & SECURITY

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 1/8/2009 REPORTED THAT SAN FRANCISCO RESIDENTS SHOWED THEIR SUPPORT FOR ISRAEL AS THE CONFLICT IN GAZA MOVED THROUGH ITS 13TH DAY. MANY PEOPLE GATHERED AT A SYNAGOGUE ON THE 22-HUNDRED BLOCK OF CALIFORNIA STREET. THE

ISRAELI CONSUL GENERAL BRIEFED SUPPORTERS ON THE MILITARY OPERATION AGAINST HAMAS, FOLLOWED BY AN EVENING OF PRAYER AND SONGS ANOTHER SOLIDARITY RALLY IS PLANNED FOR THE SOUTH-BAY, THIS SUNDAY.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 1/13/2009 REPORTED THAT ISRAELI OFFICIALS SAY THE COUNTRY'S CHIEF NEGOTIATOR IS HEADING TO EGYPT FOR TALKS ON A CEASE-FIRE WITH HAMAS. UN SECRETARY GENERAL BAN KI-MOON IS ALSO EXPECTED TO JOIN THE TALKS. MEANWHILE, ISRAELI TROOPS MOVED DEEPER INTO GAZA CITY, WHICH IS NOW VIRTUALLY SURROUNDED, BUT JUST TWO DAYS AFTER ISRAEL DECLARED IT HAD NEARLY REACHED ITS GOALS, INTELLIGENCE OFFICIALS BACKED OFF ON THAT STATEMENT, SAYING THE ISRAELI MILITARY HAD NOT STOPPED HAMAS' ABILITY TO FIRE ROCKETS. PALESTINIAN MEDICAL OFFICIALS SAY MORE THAN 900 PEOPLE HAVE DIED SINCE THE FIGHTING BEGAN A LITTLE MORE THAN TWO WEEKS AGO.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 1/13/2009 REPORTED THAT THER WAS AN UNPRECEDENTED DISASTER DRILL TODAY AT THE WHITE HOUSE.THE BUSH ADMINISTRATION AND PRESIDENT-ELECT BARACK OBAMA'S INCOMING TEAM CONDUCTED A JOINT EXERCISE ON HOW TO RESPOND TO A 'HYPOTHETICAL' TERRORIST ATTACK ON AMERICAN CITIES. IT'S TO HELP SMOOTH THE TRANSITION FROM PRESIDENT BUSH TO OBAMA. CURRENT WHITE HOUSE CHIEF OF STAFF JOSHUA BOLTEN SAID "IN THE POST-9-11 WORLD, THIS ISN'T JUST 'GOOD-MANNERED' GOOD GOVERNMENT, IT'S A NATIONAL SECURITY RESPONSIBILITY."

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 1/13/2009 REPORTED THAT PRESIDENT BUSH HELD HIS FINAL CABINET MEETING THIS MORNING. A DAY AFTER HIS FINAL NEWS CONFERENCE, AND A DAY BEFORE HIS FAREWELL ADDRESS, THE PRESIDENT USED THE OCCASION TO DEFINE HIS LEGACY. HE SAID HE'S MOSTLY PROUD OF THE WAY HIS ADMINISTRATION KEPT THE COUNTRY SAFE. HE ALSO PRAISED IMPROVEMENTS ON EDUCATION, HEALTH CARE, THE ENVIRONMENT AND OTHER ISSUES DURING HIS TERM. THE PRESIDENT SAID HE WILL LEAVING WASHINGTON ONE WEEK FROM TODAY, WITH A GREAT SENSE OF ACCOMPLISHMENT.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 01/14/2009 REPORTED THAT PALESTINIAN LEADERS HAVE BEGUN WORKING WITH EGYPTIAN MEDIATORS ON A TRUCE TO END THE FIGHTING IN GAZA. THE TALKS COME AS PALESTINIAN MEDICAL EXPERTS SAY MORE THAN ONE-THOUSAND PEOPLE HAVE DIED IN THE 19-DAY SEIGE. ISRAEL'S CHIEF NEGOTIATOR SAYS HE WILL HAVE A CEASE-FIRE OFFER IN HAND WHEN ARRIVES IN EGYPT TOMORROW. THE EGYPTIAN PROPOSAL HAS CALLED FOR A TEMPORARY CEASEFIRE - FOLLOWED BY A LONG-TERM TRUCE, ALONG WITH THE OPENING OF GAZA'S BORDERS.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 01/14/2009 REPORTED THAT OSAMA BIN LADEN IS SPEAKING OUT ABOUT THE GAZA CONFLICT IN HIS LATEST AUDIOTAPE. THE AL-QAIDA LEADER ACCUSES ARAB GOVERNMENTS OF SIDING WITH ISRAEL AGAINST HAMAS. HE ALSO URGES MUSLIMS TO LAUNCH A JIHAD AGAINST ISRAEL.THE WHITE HOUSE SAYS BIN LADEN'S LATEST MESSAGE SHOWS

HE IS TRYING TO REMAIN RELEVANT AT A TIME WHEN HIS IDEOLOGY IS BEING QUESTIONED.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM 1/19/09 REPORTED THAT AS MORE ISRAELI TROOPS WITHDRAW FROM THE GAZA STRIP, HAMAS LEADERS VOW TO RESTORE ORDER TO THE BOMBED CITY. MEANWHILE LIFE IN THE GAZA STRIP IS SLOWLY RETURNING TO NORMAL. THE CEASE FIRE BETWEEN ISRAEL AND HAMAS APPEARS TO BE HOLDING. BUT THE ISRAELI FOREIGN MINISTER HAS ISSUED A WARNING, RESERVING THE RIGHT TO ACT IN GAZA IN THE FUTURE IF NECESSARY. THE POSSIBILITY OF MORE FIGHTING COULD DELAY THE CITY'S FULL RECOVERY. ISRAEL'S ATTACK KILLED MORE THAN 12-HUNDRED PALESTINIANS.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 1/19/09 REPORTED THAT THE INVESTIGATION INTO WHAT'S BEEN CALLED "THE MIRACLE ON THE HUDSON", THE CRASH LANDING OF AN AIRLINER INTO THE WATER, WILL TAKE A YEAR. BUT THE NTSB SAYS THE LESSONS LEARNED WILL BE STUDIED FOR DECADES. CREWS LIFTED THE PLANE OUT OF THE RIVER OVER THE WEEKEND AND BROUGHT IT TO A SALVAGE YARD. IT WILL BE DISASSEMBLED AND SHIPPED TO A SECRET LOCATION FOR THE INVESTIGATION. ONE OF THE ENGINES IS STILL AT THE BOTTOM OF THE HUDSON.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 1/22/2009 REPORTED THAT PRESIDENT OBAMA ORDERED THE MILITARY TO CLOSE THE GUANTANAMO BAY PRISON WHERE TERROR SUSPECTS HAVE BEEN HELD FOR YEARS WITH NO TRIAL. A CABINET-LEVEL TEAM WILL FIGURE OUT WHAT TO DO WITH ITS 245 PRISONERS. DEFENSE SECRETARY ROBERT GATES SAID IT'S A CHALLENGE AND REPUBLICANS WORRY THERE'S NO PLAN YET. THE PRESIDENT TODAY ALSO BANNED TORTURE. SECRETARY OF STATE HILLARY CLINTON JOINED THE PRESIDENT TODAY ANNOUNCING TWO SPECIAL ENVOYS TO THE MIDDLE EAST. A WHITE HOUSE SPOKESMAN SAID THE US WILL ENGAGE FRIENDS AND ENEMIES TO KEEP THE COUNTRY SAFE.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 1/22/2009 REPORTED THAT PRESIDENT OBAMA WILL GET A DAILY ECONOMIC BRIEFING SIMILAR TO THE NATIONAL SECURITY BRIEFING HE RECEIVES EACH MORNING. WHITE HOUSE SPOKESMAN ROBERT GIBBS SAID THE PRESIDENT WANTS UP TO THE MINUTE INFORMATION AS HE AND HIS TOP AIDES WORK TO REVIVE THE ECONOMY.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA NEWS 6:00PM-7:00PM 01/27/09 REPORTED THAT SENATORS ON THE ARMED SERVICES COMMITTEE GOT A SOBERING REPORT ABOUT THE SITUATION IN AFGHANISTAN, FROM DEFENSE SECRETARY ROBERT GATES, WHO CALLS IT AMERICA'S 'GREATEST MILITARY CHALLENGE. GATES, WITH HIS ARM IN A SLING AFTER A RECENT TENDON SURGERY, SAID TURNING THE CORRUPT COUNTRY INTO AN ECONOMICALLY PROSPEROUS NATION, IS UNREALISTIC. INSTEAD, THE FOCUS NEEDS TO BE ON MAKING SURE AFGHANISTAN ISN'T USED AS A BASE FOR TERRORISM. GATES SAID TWO MORE U-S BRIGADES COULD BE IN AFGHANISTAN BY LATE SPRING, AND A THIRD BY MID SUMMER.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA NEWS 6:00PM-7:00PM 01/27/09 REPORTED THAT NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE DIRECTOR MICHAEL MCCONNELL RESIGNED TODAY. MCCONNELL WILL SERVE ON PRESIDENT OBAMA'S INTELLIGENCE ADVISORY

BOARD, AND WILL RETURN TO "BOOZ ALLEN HAMILTON," A CONSULTING FIRM HE LEFT WHEN HE TOOK THE INTELLIGENCE JOB. PRESIDENT OBAMA HAS NOMINATED RETIRED ADMIRAL DENNIS BLAIR TO BE THE NEXT NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE DIRECTOR.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 02/03/09 REPORTED BREAKING NEWS ON HOW TWO BART TRAINS RAN INTO EACH OTHER UNDER OAKLAND. PICTURES OF A BART TRAIN OFF THE TRACKS INSIDE THE BART TUNNEL AT OAKLAND'S DOWNTOWN 12TH STREET STATION TONIGHT SHOW TWO TRAINS LEANING AGAINST EACH OTHER AFTER A COLLISION WHICH SENT SOME PASSENGERS TO THE HOSPITAL. AT LEAST 13 PEOPLE ARE SUFFERING FROM MINOR INJURIES AFTER THE TRAINS COLLIDED TODAY. BART OFFICIALS SAY THE TWO TRAINS WERE MOVING SLOWLY UNDERGROUND WHEN THEY MADE CONTACT AROUND THREE THIS AFTERNOON. THE 12TH STREET STATION IS OPEN TONIGHT AND ONLY RICHMOND-BOUND TRAINS ARE SEEING 10 TO 15 MINUTE DELAYS. IT'S STILL UNCLEAR WHAT CAUSED THE COLLISION.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 02/03/09 REPORTED THAT PRESIDENT OBAMA HAS A BIG CHOICE TO MAKE IN THE WAR IN AFGHANISTAN. A NEW PENTAGON REPORT SUGGESTS THE U-S SHOULD CONCENTRATE ON TARGETING TALIBAN AND AL-QAIDA SAFE HOUSES, INSTEAD OF FOCUSING ON DEMOCRACY-BUILDING. THE RECOMMENDATIONS WERE PREPARED BY THE JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF AND ARE JUST A PORTION OF WHAT WILL BE PRESENTED TO THE WHITE HOUSE.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 02/03/09 REPORTED THAT A UNITED JETLINER LANDED SAFELY AFTER A BIRD HIT ONE OF THE ENGINES CREATING A SUDDEN DIVERSION, HAPPENING JUST SHORTLY AFTER TAKEOFF IN DENVER. BOTH ENGINES CONTINUED TO WORK AND THE PLANE RETURNED TO DENVER FOR A LANDING THAT WAS PRECAUTIONARY IN NATURE. NOBODY WAS HURT, AND THE PASSENGERS WERE ON THEIR WAY AGAIN TO SAN FRANCISCO. THE ISSUE OF BIRD STRIKES HAS BECOME A FOCAL POINT SINCE A US AIRWAYS JET WAS FORCED TO LAND IN THE HUDSON RIVER, LAST MONTH.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 02/09/09 REPORTED THAT THE US MILITARY SAYS A SUICIDE CAR BOMBING KILLED FOUR AMERICAN SERVICE-MEMBERS AND THEIR INTERPRETER IN IRAQ. THEY WERE ON PATROL IN THE NORTHERN CITY OF MOSUL WHEN THE CAR BOMBER STRUCK NEAR A POLICE CHECKPOINT IN A VOLATILE SUNNI AREA OF THE CITY. THE BLAST LEFT THREE IRAQIS, INCLUDING TWO POLICE OFFICERS, HURT. MOSUL IS CONSIDERED THE LAST URBAN STRONGHOLD OF "AL-QAIDA IN IRAQ."

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 02/09/09 REPORTED THAT SPARKS FROM FIREWORKS ARE BEING BLAMED FOR A FIRE THAT GUTTED A BEIJING HOTEL. EMBERS RAINED DOWN FROM THE 44-STORY BUILDING LAST NIGHT. AUTHORITIES THINK THE FIRE STARTED WHEN A BURST OF FIREWORKS FROM A LUNAR NEW YEAR HOLIDAY CELEBRATION HIT THE HOTEL. NO ONE WAS HURT, AS POLICE WORKED TO KEEP GAWKERS FROM BEING HIT BY FALLING EMBERS. THE MANDARIN ORIENTAL HOTEL, SLATED TO OPEN THIS YEAR, WOULD HAVE BEEN ONE OF THE CITY'S MOST LUXURIOUS HOTELS.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 02/18/09 REPORTED THAT THE NATIONAL TRANSPORTATION SAFETY BOARD NOW SAYS THAT COSCO BUSAN NEVER SHOULD HAVE LEFT PORT THE NIGHT HIS SHIP HIT THE BAY BRIDGE. NBC BAY AREA'S TRACI GRANT SHOWED US WHY INVESTIGATORS BLAME THE PILOT AND SEVERAL OTHERS. THE CRASH CREATED HAVOC ON THE SAN FRANCISCO BAY AND COST MORE THAN 70-MILLION FOR ENVIRONMENTAL CLEAN UP. BAR PILOT JOHN COTA IS ALREADY FACING CRIMINAL CHARGES AND THE NTSB'S PRELIMINARY FINDINGS PILES A GREAT DEAL OF THE BLAME ON HIM, ALONG WITH THE SEVERAL OTHERS. THE LIST OF PROBLEMS THAT PLAYED A ROLE IN THE COSCO BUSAN OIL SPILL GOES ON AND ON. MEMBERS OF THE NATIONAL TRANSPORTATION SAFETY BOARD LISTENED TO INVESTIGATORS WHO HAVE BEEN LOOKING INTO THE 53-THOUSAND GALLON OIL SPILL AT A HEARING IN WASHINGTON TODAY. THE SPILL KILLED 2500 BIRDS, CONTAMINATED 26 MILES OF SHORELINE AND DELAYED THE START OF CRAB FISHING SEASON. THEY SAY BAD COMMUNICATION BETWEEN THE PILOT - PILOT CAPTAIN AND THE COAST GUARD'S VESSEL TRAFFIC SERVICE IS ONE OF THE MAIN REASONS THE COSCO BUSAN CRASHED INTO A BAY BRIDGE SUPPORT TOWER IN NOVEMBER 2007. THE NTSB ALSO SAYS THE LONG LIST OF PRESCRIPTION MEDICATIONS IN THE PILOT JOHN COTA'S SYSTEM REDUCED HIS COGNITIVE FUNCTIONS. THE DRUG TESTS COTA TOOK WERE ONLY FOR ILLEGAL SUBSTANCES. NOW THE NTSB WANTS TO INCLUDE PRESCRIPTION IN TESTING. NTSB ALSO FOUND THAT THE COSCO BUSAN'S FLEET MANAGEMENT COMPANY TRAINED THE CHINESE-SPEAKING CREW POORLY. DIRECTOR OF THE NTSB JOHN SPENCER SAYS THE PRELIMINARY FINDINGS SHOW THE DANGEROUS COMBINATION OF ALL OF THESE FACTORS.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 02/18/09 REPORTED THAT THE MAN IN CHARGE OF U-S TROOPS IN AFGHANISTAN SAYS THE THOUSANDS OF NEW TROOPS COMING IN HAVE A DANGEROUS JOB AHEAD OF THEM BATTLING THE TALIBAN GENERAL DAVIN MCKIERNAN SAYS THE EXTRA 17-THOUSAND U-S TROOPS PRESIDENT OBAMA APPROVED YESTERDAY ARE NECESSARY TO TAKE ON THE EMBOLDENED TALIBAN INSURGENTS WHO ARE IN A STALEMATE WITH U-S AND ALLIED FORCES. HE ALSO SAYS THE TROOP COUNT IS ABOUT 55-THOUSAND IN ALL AND WILL REMAIN CLOSE TO THAT LEVEL FOR UP TO FIVE YEARS.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 03/31/09 REPORTED THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY OFFICALLY CERTIFIED A LASER FACILITY AT THE LAWRENCE LIVERMORE NATIONAL LAB, LATE TODAY, AFTER MORE THAN A DECADE OF WORK. THE 3.5 BILLION DOLLAR "NATIONAL IGNITION FACILITY" IS NOW READY FOR EXPERIMENTATION. DIRECTORS AT THE LAB SAY THE LASER FACILITY IS THE WORLD'S MOST POWERFUL. IT WAS PRIMARILY DEVELOPED TO HELP GOVERNMENT SCIENTISTS TEST THE RELIABILITY OF THE COUNTRY'S AGING NUCLEAR WEAPONS.

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